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EDITORIAL

LOOKING AHEAD

There is considerable food for thought in the recent announcement by the National Commander of the American Legion that their executive committee has under consideration a plan to admit to membership in the Legion, men now serving in the new army. If this becomes a fact, it will undoubtedly be the greatest blood transfusion ever injected into the veins of any military organization in this country and it will necessarily prolong its life and usefulness.

Officers and members of Y. D. V. A. would do well to keep this idea in mind, inasmuch as we have a tremendous number of new YD men at Camp Edwards who, when their period of service is over, will undoubtedly form some sort of an organization which will keep the memory of their service green.

We can readily see many arguments for and against admitting to Y. D. V. A. such a tremendous number of ex-service men. It would undoubtedly build our membership to unprecedented heights and, at the same time, overwhelm the old YD if it came to a vote on a controversial point in which we were very much interested.

The veteran today is probably at his peak, in so far as influence is concerned, in national affairs, but we should look forward to the time when we will be in the category of the Civil War veteran, who in his later years was honored but not listened to.

It might be well to look forward to the day when we will have a declining membership and seriously consider the new YD as potential members. It is regrettable that there is no direct bond between the new YD and the old YD.

Several suggestions have been made such as battle flags to be presented to the new division, a memorial to be placed at Camp Edwards, a YD day at the Camp to get acquainted with our successors; but sadly enough, nothing has happened to date.

This may or may not be the solution.

Leander H. Redfield
National Treasurer

LEANDER H. REDFIELD, "Lee" to all of us, has been our National Treasurer so darned long that even GUY WATTS couldn't give us the exact date he was elected. Our guess is that it's about twenty years and that's a long, long time to serve YDVA.

Nobody pays much attention, but its about time we gave this chap three cheers and tell him in this issue that we appreciate what he has and is doing. Sincere thanks from every man in the organization, Lee.

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BUILDING A FIRE WITH CHAMPAGNE

Back in the early winter of 1917 while we were undergoing training with the Division Artillery at Camp Coequedon I recall an incident that I will never forget as long as I live. I was quartered in a room with Buglers, Saddlers, Cooks, Horseshoers, etc., and we were all sitting around wishing payday would hurry up as we were all broke and also wishing some one had the price to buy a couple of bottles of nigger rum.

It was my week to get up before the rest in the morning to start the fire in the room and I was digging around trying to find some wood so it would be all ready in the A.M. As I recall we retired rather early and about 5 A.M. the next morning I piled out to start warming up the place. I opened the stove door and it was filled to the brim with full bottles of a very special brand of Champagne. Behind beds, under beds and in every nook and corner full bottles of Champagne and more champagne. (I wouldn't be knowing how it got there?) Looking out the window a little later I noticed it was very evident other members of the outfit also had champagne, as in the courtyard between the two barracks were several empties and someone had taken the time and trouble to line up said empties in perfect Formal Guardmount Formation. As it was Sunday and we had the day more or less to ourselves especially the "Gold Bricks" that lived in our room we went to work on the champagne not even taking time out for the special Sunday dinner of "Horsemeat Slum". Anyhow we all got glorified oiled up that day and Monday. By drinking plenty of water in the morning and four shakes of the head you had another shine on that would stick with you most of the day. As I said before I wouldn't be knowing where the sparkling stuff came from but I do know that our outfit paid for about half a carload of it on the pro-rated basis. I can't recall a payday in France when we received our full pay as somebody always was finding liquor stored some place and was afraid it would spoil if not used at once. Incidentally, when we went to Southern France to get our horses each box car contained eight horses, one soldier, bale of hay some grain and a barrel of white wine and no wonder we had the best horses in France when you stop to consider they had white wine to wash the hay down with.

Company "F", 101st Amm. Train.

Worm Turns - - Editor Kills Man!

People have been taking figurative and literal pot shots at editors for centuries. It remained for your editor to reverse the process in the last issue of DOINGS. We buried Foster Cousens of Newton, Mass., in the "Taps" column and assumed naturally enough that from that day on he would not answer the phone at Capitol 4600.

About every one he ever knew called the State House to say what a prince he was and ask if he looked natural and then our unkillable Foster appeared. Then they called the YD Club. From now on the editor requests that all comrades returning from the hereafter bring affidavits as this is becoming embarrassing. Or maybe we meant to report that he has just been appointed confidential secretary to the chairman of the Mass. Public Utilities Comm.

THE NATIONAL GUARD

Submitted by Steve Walsh
Bat. E, 101st F.A.

Didn't know much, but knew something, learned while the other men played,
Didn't delay for commissions; went while the other men stayed.
Took no degrees up at Plattsburg, needed too soon for the game,
Didn't get any furloughs, Orders said "Come!" — And they came.

Didn't get bars on their shoulders, or three months to see if they could;
Didn't get classed with the reg-lars or told they were equally good.
Just got a job and got busy, awkward they were but intent,
Filing no claim for exemption, Orders said: "Go!" — and they went.

Didn't get farewell processions; didn't get newspaper praise;
Didn't escape the injunction, to mend in extension their ways.
Work-bench and counter and roll-top, dug in and minding their chance,
Orders said: "First line of trenches!" they're holding them Somewhere in France.

Anon.

Swartz Makes a Suggestion

TO STATE DEP'T. COMMANDERS:

As National Director of Americanism I would like to place before the Department Officers a suggestion that would facilitate placing into effect a more concerted and co-ordinated method of promoting Americanism programs. It is this: that a Department Director of Americanism be elected or appointed to work with the National Office and the local chapters in the promotion of Americanism programs throughout the schools and in local communities. The creation of such office would not in any way interfere with local autonomy rule of State or Chapter, it would, however, result in a more unified method of co-ordinating all Americanism Officers in formulating and promoting programs worthy of YD support. I would appreciate your co-operation in placing this suggestion before your Department Officers and trust that they shall find it worthy of their support.

TO ALL CHAPTER COMMANDERS:

The advent of the fall will find the various chapters engaged in their social programs. This particular period of the year is also a suitable one to arrange a series of Americanism programs in your district in order that the people of the community in which you live may better enjoy, as well as participate in the re-awakening of the American people with the spirit of Americanism. With this in mind it is sincerely requested that you co-operate with the National Office in presenting to your chapter the suggestion that each chapter elect or appoint an Americanism Officer and/or a committee to work as a unit in promoting local programs, to be an integral part of the Department, and, to work in conjunction with the National Office.

Trusting that you will find merit in this idea, I remain,

Yours in comradeship,

DAVID SWARTZ,
Nat. Americanism Officer.

GET YOUR COPY IN FOR OCTOBER DOINGS BY SEPTEMBER 30th, PLEASE.

If it's double-spaced, Chapter name at the top and signed at the bottom it will help a lot.

NEW HAVEN CHAPTER GOES TO TOWN

The Elm City YDers put on the dog when they have awards or presentations to make. Upper left, Commander Fred Hirsch is shown presenting the national colors to Boy Scout Troop 35. Francis W. Brown, of the National Folding Box Co., sponsors of the troop receives the flag as the Scouts look on; upper right, Commander Hirsch presents Certificate of Meritorious Service to Roger A. Connolly, managing editor of the New Haven Register; lower left, Roger Connolly, George Keeley, Henry Dube and William Scholl receive certificates; lower right, the proud recipients of the YD merit award pose with Commander Hirsch.

FRONT COVER PICTURE

Remember October, 1918? This month's front cover is a photo made October 27th, of the 102nd Infantry, loading supplies at Samogneux, France.

YANKEE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AT MILWAUKEE CONVENTION

The Chicago chapter writes that their last news item should have read that the YD will have Headquarters at the Avenue Cocktail Bar, 627 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, during the Legion Convention. They will also have a nice room in the basement so that every YD man should make it a point to stop in while in Milwaukee.

An English hostess, when serving her guests wine, remarked to one gentleman: "I should not be offering you wine. You are the head of the Temperance League."

"Oh, no," he replied, "I am the head of the Vice League."

"Well," she said, "I knew there was something I should not offer you."

WHAT OF TOMORROW?

By Rev. Willard S. Smith

National Chaplain

There is little consolation in the axiom that "history repeats itself" for those of us who remember back twenty-odd years as though it were only so many days. The ancient phrase has just about worn itself out. Mankind is not on a merry-go-round that always brings him back to the place from which he started. And the sooner we get over the idea of predestined repetition in human affairs the better off we will be. What would be the use of dreaming and planning if another whirl of the cosmos was to bring our children back where we or our ancestors began? In the eternal plan of the Almighty the race goes forward. You and I are destined to inch our way up the perilous slope of progress. It doesn't matter that we shall never reach the summit. What does matter is our eternal struggle toward the heights. By and large we play our parts well, we leave the world a better place than we found it, we merit reward, small as it may be.

Ah, some say, but look at the world today when you talk of a better and wiser race! Don't worry, I have looked at it. Looked at it and shuddered. Who of us hasn't, we who thought to lift the world by one mighty heave into the glorious light of brotherly love, peace, and freedom when the guns fell silent, spiked by the rash courage of our youth. History repeating itself? No: events fulfilling the ancient laws that sowing the wind, we shall reap the whirlwind; that men do not gather grapes from thorns, nor figs from thistles, nor peace from hatred, nor brotherhood from vindictive treaties.

We gained much for the world when we freed France, Belgium, all enslaved peoples of Europe in 1918. But not as much as we hoped and believed. We only reached the next ridge in the climb, the summit still lies beyond. And after this madness that grips the world — what then? Mankind will still be far from the goal but if burning hatred can be quenched, if blind bigotry can be given sight, if reason can be made to prevail over passion the next step may be greater than we dare think and our sons' sons will live their lives to the end unscathed by war. If . . . .

Rev. WILLARD S. SMITH,
National Chaplain,
Y. D. V. A.

WAR VETERAN FATALLY BURNED AT ST. ALBANS, VT.

Joseph Young, lifelong resident of St. Albans, Vt., and World War veteran, was burned to death Aug. 27th, when fire destroyed the summer home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles McLea of Fairfield St. Young made his home there in the summer season.

He was the oldest man from this city to enlist in the first World War and served overseas with the 103d Machine Gun Battalion. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. McLea; a brother, George Young of Boston and a sister, Mrs. Frost of Portland, Me. He was a member of Green Mountain Post 1, American Legion.

YD XMAS CARDS

Christmas cards will be mailed all members "On Approval". Don't buy any till you see what we have. They are splendid and will help your organization.

Pathetic Figures—The boy that lisps trying to tell a girl he likes her size.

Boarding House Lady—Did you knock on that traveling man's door and wake him as I told you to do?

Maid (fresh from the country)—Yes'm, but he didn't wake up, so I finally had to go in and shake him.

Boarding House Lady—Good heavens, don't you know better than to ever go into a traveling salesman's room?

Maid—Yes'm, I do now!

Past Commander

Lapel Button

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A. P. O. 709

Lieutenant Colonel HAROLD WINSLOW, 101st F. A., Mass. National Guard (retired), of Battery D, 102nd F. A., A.E.F., is now sending the sons of his World War No. 1 buddies of the YD to Camp Edwards as a member of Selective Service (Draft) Board of New Bedford, Mass.

Colonel WINSLOW is a charter member of New Bedford Chapter, YDVA. He helped organize the New Bedford battery of the 101st F.A., YD, A.E.F. Served as a commissioned officer with it throughout the World War, remained in the M.N.G., YD, for about 20 years after the war and was retired two years ago with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

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YD men who would like to spread a little cheer around might do well to write to our comrade Pvt. E. M. BRODERICK, 448 Ord. Co. Aviation, McChord Field, Washington. He is a member at large, gets darn little mail; so start writing fellows.

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We have had to place in our dead copy envelope seven items in which the writing was illegible or which were newspaper clippings without any indication of the city from whence they came, or the date. We need A. P. O. items and would ask anyone who submits material to give us the facts, such as who, where, when, etc.

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JOSEPH WILNER in the War Department Printing plant forwards a report on the Belleau Wood's Church. Evidently Joe missed the recent issue which contained the complete report of the Overseas Cemetery Commission.

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Our National Secretary's son, Gardiner Watts, who is in an aviation unit at Westover Field, Chicopee, Mass., complained of pains recently after eating some cold cantaloupe. After two days he was finally taken to the hospital at Fort Banks where they discovered he had a 48 hours ruptured appendix. We need not say that it is a miracle that the boy is alive today!

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Sympathy is extended to FRANK W. COPPINGER, (Co. E, 101st Eng.), National Service Officer, YDVA, for the double loss of his wife and mother. Both passing away on the same day.

A featured article in the Burlington, Vt. *Free Press* announced to its startled readers that HARRY BUGBEE, our P.N. Historian, has vowed he will not touch a drop of liquor or smoke any tobacco until Hitler is destroyed! Will HARRY please express to the editor any unopened cartons of cigarettes or bottles of Gordon's Gin in which the tide is high?

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JAMES J. DONOVAN, Treasurer of the New York chapter, has a prize winning Boston terrier registered with the A. K. C. as "Lady YD". She recently gave birth to four beautiful puppies and we assume they will be named 101st — 102nd — 103rd — 104th.

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Evidently DOINGS readers enjoy most of all pictures of divisional war-time scenes, because we are still receiving letters about the artillery men whose pictures appeared on the front cover in April. William I. Hart, Officers' Ward, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, has sent in a good long letter once again identifying the boys who appeared in that picture.

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BILL KNIPE, L Co., 101st Inf., has just forwarded his dues for the new year and writes that his wife is still seriously ill, as a result of a shock she suffered on February 8. We sincerely hope that by this time she is feeling much better.

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RANDOLPH DARLING, Past State Commander, formerly C Battery, 103rd F. A., has been in Memorial Hospital, Pawtucket, R. I., having a knee operation. Reports indicate that he is convalescing rapidly.

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LOUIS PALOMBIZIO, who served with Co. A, 102nd F. A., returned home from France recently. His last three months there were spent in a Nazi concentration camp and he relates that what he saw in France and Portugal, while enroute with his wife to America, has convinced him that the "immigrants" or "refugees" are sponsored by the German government.

"Strangely enough," he states, "many so-called refugees leaving France were deprived of much of their money, but many others had their funds returned to them intact and the Nazi officers wined and dined them before their departure for the United States. Only a damn fool could fail to draw a logical conclusion from this!"

MEMBERSHIP STANDING

SEPTEMBER, 1941

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE	
Cumberland	11
Farmington	9
Lewiston	23
Waterville	32
At Large	25
	100
DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Concord	7
Franklin	7
Keene	46
Manchester	66
Nashua	47
Rochester	18
Triangle	14
At Large	12
	217
DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT	
Brattleboro	29
Montpelier-Barre	19
Rutland	15
St. Albans	12
Morrisville	11
At Large	5
	91
DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS	
Beverly	32
Boston	457
Brockton	9
Concord	61
Danvers	25
Fitchburg	106
Foxborough	10
Gardner	5
Haverhill	45
Holyoke	1
Lawrence	13
Lowell	48
Lynn	196
Marlborough	34
Milford	46
New Bedford	84
Reading	32
Salem	25
Springfield	92
Webster-Dudley	—
Worcester	147
At Large	57
	1525
DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND	
Apremont	131
Kent County	31
Providence	105
At Large	—
	267
DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT	
Bridgeport	30
Bristol	96
Hartford	185
Manchester	49
Meriden	80
Middletown	26
New Britain	54
New Haven	85
New London	41
Norwalk	20
Stamford	29
Terryville	—
Torrington	18
Valley	21
Wallingford	11
Waterbury	24
Willimantic	54
At Large	5
	828
DEPARTMENT OF UNITED STATES	
Chicago	18
Cleveland	44
Denver	12
Detroit	20
Los Angeles	14
New York	156
Philadelphia	17
Washington	33
Life Members	38
At Large	104
GRAND TOTAL	3484

BURSTS!

If you have a good one—send it in.

A doctor received a call late one night and on a lonely road quite a ways in the country his car broke down. The only life he could see was a light in a home in the distance. He walked to the house and rapped on the door. A very handsome young woman appeared. He explained his plight and asked if he could stay all night. She explained that she was a widow and lived alone, had only one bed room, but that she would be glad to let him have it and she would sleep on the lounge. He went to the room, took off his clothes, and went to bed. He had been there only a short time when the door opened slightly and a soft voice inquired: "Are you asleep?" He answered "No." "Would you like to have a bedfellow tonight?" "Yes," he replied. "All right," she responded, "Another man's car has broken down and he wants to stay here tonight also, so I'll send him in."

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Cutie (approaching floorwalker) — Do you have notions on this floor?

Floorwalker — Yes, but I have to suppress them during business hours.

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An elderly couple, visiting a zoo, stopped before the hippopotamus.

"Darn'd curious fish, ain't it, ma?"

"That ain't a fish," the wife announced. "That's a reptile."

The argument was on. It progressed to a point where the woman began belaboring the husband with her umbrella.

The old man dodged and ran, with the wife in pursuit. The trainer had just opened the door of the lion's cage, and the retreating husband popped in. He crowded in behind the largest lion and peered over its shoulder at his wife, who, on the other side of the bars, shook her umbrella furiously.

"Coward!" she shouted.

A SUGGESTION TO CHAPTER COMMANDERS

The last copy of DOINGS typified, in the editor's opinion, the ideal issue. All chapters sent in an appreciable amount of news; we had the convention items which were of particular interest; and there were seven one-column cuts and one two-column cut. It is to be hoped that officers and members appreciate the fact that such an issue must necessarily be the exception rather than the rule.

We cannot afford to pay for any great number of cuts; in fact, two small ones per issue is about all we can print. There is a way, however, by which chapters may get plenty of coverage. Take the case of New London which sent us one of the finest photographs we have ever seen. It was technically perfect. It should have been made two-columns wide, but we didn't have the money. It was reduced to one-column size; and consequently, the chapter commander writes, "Only a man with a magnifying glass could distinguish individuals in it."

Why wouldn't it be a good idea for chapters to have photographs made now and then of their activities and instead of sending us the picture in all cases, vary this by having a cut made at the engravers, one or two columns wide, as they prefer. In this way, it would take the load off YANKEE DOINGS and give you a well- illustrated magazine by spreading the costs.

If there is any question about the news value of the photograph, it might be well to mail it to your editor, as it would be too bad to have a two-column cut made, when, as a matter of fact, a one-column cut would be adequate for the news value involved.

APO No. 709

JOSEPH T. KARKOS of Lisbon Falls was elected commander of the 101st T. M. B. Ass'n at their annual reunion held recently at the Red Devil's Camp in Lewiston, Maine.

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Be sure to slow down when you drive through Attleboro, Mass. because they have a 25 mile per hour speed limit there, but keep in mind the fact that police chief ERNEST W. HOLT served with the old division.

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Capt. LOUIS A. FRANCIS was recently unanimously elected a second deputy chief in the Gloucester Fire Department.

QUIZ BOX

Questions

1. What president of the U. S. served the shortest time?
2. In a military parade, should the army or navy go first?
3. How many soldiers are there in a squad, platoon, company?
4. Why are there seven red and six white stripes in our flag?
5. How long is the Connecticut river?
6. What is the country formerly Siam now called?
7. What is the oldest company in the U. S. military service?
8. What is it that a man has not, never can have, yet can give it to a woman?
9. When is a soldier charitable?
10. Who started swearing in this world?

To the Editor —

Last month you had a question about where the flag flew all of the time; one place was quoted, may I make a correction. There are only four flags in the United States which are never furled, the two on the East and West fronts of the United States Capitol; the flag on the grave of Francis Scott Key, Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Frederick, Md., and the flag at the World War Memorial, Lincoln Square, Worcester, Mass. This answer was taken from the records.

— C. O. E.,
Worcester Chapter.

Answers

1. William Henry Harrison. He died in office and served only from March 4 to April 4, 1841.
2. According to army regulations, "The army being the senior service, precedence should be accorded to the army over the navy in all ceremonials, parades, etc., on shore in which the forces of the army and navy are participating".
3. The basic unit of the army organization is the squad of 12 men under a corporal or sergeant. Four squads comprise a platoon, 53 men commanded by a lieutenant, three or four platoons make up a company.
4. If there were seven white stripes the outer ones being white would not be visible at a distance. The outer stripes therefore are red. This is not the case with a shield.
5. It is 407 miles long.
6. Thailand.
7. The 182nd Infantry, established in 1636.
8. A husband.
9. When he presents arms (alms).
10. Eve. When Adam asked if he might kiss her she said, "I don't care A-dam if you do".

We are indebted to Comrade C. O. E. of Worcester Chapter for this month's Quiz Box.

Two women were having a chat over the back fence.

Says Mrs. Rafferty to Mrs. Murphy, "Arrah, now, and how are ye' feelin' nowadays?"

"Shure," says Mrs. Murphy, "I'm feelin' grand."

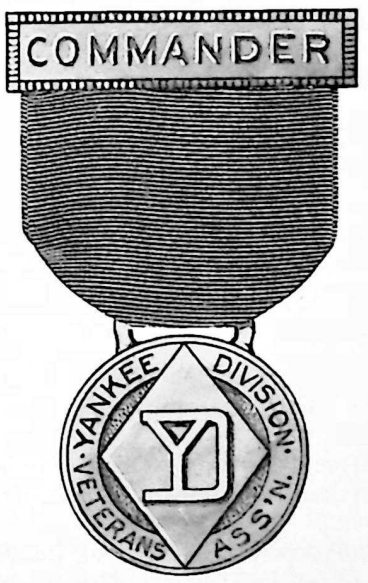
"Isn't that splendid? And how's the baby?"

"I'm tellin' ye', the baby's doing grand too."

"Eh, and phwat are ye' callin' the child?"

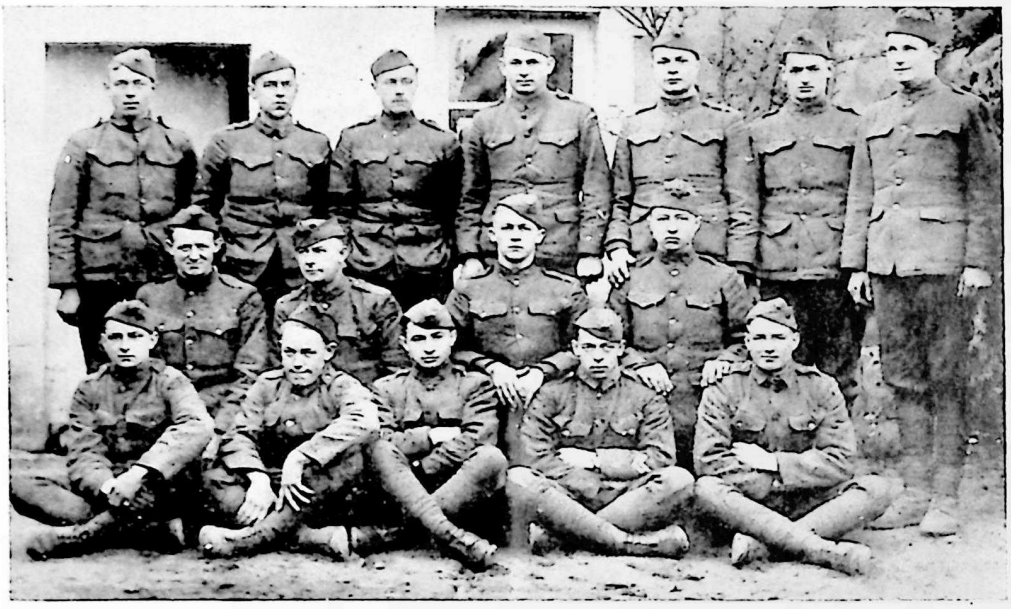
"Shure, Mrs. Rafferty, we're goin' to call the child Hazel."

"Och, ye're goin' to call her Hazel? Glory be! An' all them lovely names in the calendar of the Saints—and ye're callin' ye're child after a nut!"



FOR CHAPTER OFFICERS

We are now ready to furnish all Chapters with a complete set of Officers' medals to wear during meetings. Namely Commander, Vice Commanders, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Judge Advocate, Service Officer. The price for each medal is $1.00 with bar on ribbon denoting office. Order from Sales Dept.



We know who these birds are — but do you?

APO No. 709

GEORGE A. EDWARDS was a machine gunner with the 104th Inf. and is now an inspector of fire-pumping engines in Boston. Incidentally, he was welter-weight boxing champion of New England 1906-08.

"The Bee Hive", publication of United Aircraft, says in its current issue that General PETER E. TRAUB, USA, retired, was a recent visitor at the East Hartford plant. Our last information was that the general was very ill at his home near Savannah. We trust the Bee Hive item indicates that the old wartime commander of the 51st Infantry Brigade is back in stride again.

Congratulations to BILL LEONARD, D Co., 101st Infantry on his marriage to Cecile Fuller at Haverhill, Mass., on August 2nd.

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General JOHN HENRY "Machine Gun" PARKER (102nd Infantry) is now residing in Reno, Nev.

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PAUL S. PARSONS, manager of the State Employment office, in Danbury, Conn., is a former member of the 103rd Infantry.

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PNC LEN MALONEY introduced his first cousin Leslie K. Maloney, R.A.F. flyer, at the State Legion convention in Waterbury. The youngster, who has dropped 'em on Berlin, was given a great hand when he said "you have a great country — do your best to keep it just as it is."

SAM POLLEY, past commander of Norwalk Chapter, has entered the Newington Hospital for a general look-see. Sam would be glad to hear from his friends.

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Sympathy is extended to NEAL SHAND on the loss of his mother, who died recently in Virginia.

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We were darned sorry to hear from JOE ABAIR in Montpelier that he had just lost his position which he has held since 1934. Instead of saying "We're sorry", we wish JOE would tell us what he is best fitted to do, so we can help him get placed. No YD man has spent more time sending in page after page of news; no YD man has more sincerely expressed his affection for YDVA and all it means. If you have a job for JOE, write the editor, Now ! !

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Lieut. Col. JAMES M. QUINN (Co. C, 102nd Infantry), second in command of the new 102nd Infantry at Camp Blanding, Fla., has received a coveted assignment to the General Staff school at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. Jim will report about Oct. 3rd.

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Former Color Sergeant JIM MCNAMARA, Headquarters Co., 102nd Infantry, has been placed on the retired list by the New Haven Police Commission after several years of ill health. Jim has been a copper for 26 years.

GOLD STAR MOTHER

They took her bright eyed boy away
To die on fields afar.
And so they took her sky away
And left her with a star.

The patter of his baby feet
With daylight used to start.
His baby shoes are empty now
As empty as her heart.

And there's his helmet worn while he
Was fighting for the cause,
Fighting out on foreign soil
A war to end all wars.

Her boy who loved the golden rod
That flamed on hills at home
Was killed on some unfriendly shore
Across the bitter foam.

One day a year her grateful land
Bedizens her with praise
One day a year she tries to smile
But oh — the other days!

Mrs. Sally Hart,
Jr. Vice Pres., YDVA Auxiliary,

AN OBLIGATION PAID BACK

One day in May 1918 somewhere in the Toul Sector Leroy Barry of Company E, 103rd Infantry borrowed five francs from one of the lieutenants in the regiment. Busy with other more important matters the lieutenant forgot about it as had apparently Ray Barry —

But here comes the epilogue —

The scene changes: It is now September 7, 1941, at a Clambake of Yankee Division Veterans in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Comrade Barry, now a resident of Brattleboro, Vermont, meets up after 23 years with the former "louie", now our National Commander. Thereupon Comrade Barry hands the N.C. a crisp one dollar bill with the remark, "here's the five francs you loaned me back in May, 1918."

Commander Carter gratefully accepted the proffered frogskin in proper recognition of the elephant memory and superlative New England Conscience of Comrade Barry. The N.C. promised that this money would not be blown in on chewing gum but would later be put to some useful purpose for the good of the YD.

After he got home the N.C. reflected that perhaps he should have insisted on payment of the loan at 6% interest compounded semi-annually for a period of 23 years and 4 months; and that if he had he should have received $3.89. On second thought he realized that if Comrade Barry had elected to pay the debt in Hitlerized francs that the net proceeds would have been worth just so much wall paper. In conclusion: The N.C. doffed his beret to this outstanding example of meticulous regard for a business obligation.

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WE NEED NEWS

Some chapters need no admonition to send us chapter news for DOINGS. Practically every chapter in the state of Conn. sends us more than enough. For this reason, Conn. probably secures from time to time more space than she is rightfully entitled to, but until other chapters fill in the gap, we are forced to print what we have been sent and worry a bit about the material which does not come in.

We particularly urge the smaller chapters, also those chapters which are in our department of the United States to send in any items at all so that the members will know what they are doing. For those who live thousands of miles away from Boston, DOINGS is the tie which holds us together.

If chapter commanders will send us snapshots of their activities, we will be glad to use them and we wish to appeal again to all members to send us photographs made during the war, as these seem to have a tremendous appeal to 99% of our readers.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander Eliot A. Carter, Elliott St., Nashua, N. H.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: Hazen O. Hagar, 28 Maine Ave., Portland, Maine
Dep't. Secretary: Elton P. Walker, 94 Beckett St., Portland, Maine

As we go to press no news has been received from the various Chapters up in Maine. With the Fall season upon us, we can now expect to hear of plenty of activity in that section.

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Dep't. Commander: Albert J. Shepard, 2 Arrow St., Rochester, N. H.
Dep't. Secretary: Edward S. LeBlanc, 59 Temple St., Nashua, N. H.

State Meeting — Rochester — August10

Our first meeting of the Dept. since the National Convention in Manchester was held in the V.F.W. Home in Rochester, N. H., on Sunday, August 10th, with Dept. Commander McNULTY presiding.

The regular order of business was suspended so that the duly elected Dept. Officers could be installed. National Commander ELLIOT A. CARTER assisted by National Sgt.-at-Arms WILLIAM J. McNULTY installed Dept. Commander Elect ALBERT J. SHEPPARD and his Dept. Officers for the year 1941-42.

The first official act of Dept. Commander SHEPPARD was the installing of the Chapter Officers of his own Chapter of Rochester, N. H. He was assisted by Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms ELI ROY.

The question of buying a Dept. Flag was put over until our next meeting at which time plans will be made to purchase a set of colors.

One important decision was made at this meeting when Past Dept. Commander McNULTY moved that the Dept. Commander shall make out his itinerary of when and where the State meetings will be held rather than wait for an invitation from the Chapters, and send a copy to each Chapter Commander who in turn will notify the members of his own chapter each month as to when and where these State meetings will be held.

The beautiful silver cup donated by Honorary members BEEDE and Dr. BOUCHER of Concord Chapter and Dept. Commander WILLIAM J. McNULTY for the largest increase in membership was awarded to Nashua Chapter. The presentation was made by National Commander ELLIOT A. CARTER to Commander NORMAN SPENCER of the Nashua Chapter.

National Sgt.-at-Arms McNULTY wishes at this time to express his sincere thanks and appreciation to the Manchester Convention Corporation and to all those who helped to make the National Convention of the YDVA in Manchester last June the most splendid and successful convention ever held by our organization.

Among the visitors at this meeting were Dept. Commander WILLIAM CUDWORTH and Comrade LEACH of Vt. — Past National Sgt.-at-Arms JAMES SULLIVAN who extended the greetings of Past National Commander APPLEBY who was unable to be present. After the remarks made by Jim, well the boys are kind of anxious to see that film of the Polish Club. Quite a few of the boys are making plans to attend the Clam Bake in Fitchburg, Sept. 7th.

Dept. Commander SHEPPARD named Nashua Chapter as the Host Chapter for the Sept. meeting which will be held in the V.F.W. Home, Sunday, Sept. 14th.

After the meeting a buffet lunch and refreshments were served under the direction of Dept. Sgt.-at-Arms ELI ROY and his able Committee. See you all in Nashua, Sept. 14th.

E. S. L. pinch hitting for
Dept. Sec. TALBOT.

TRIANGLE CHAPTER
Lebanon — Newport — Claremont
Commander: Joseph Sharkey
48 Granite St., Lebanon, N. H.
Secretary: Lester Horton
Lebanon, N. H.

A special meeting of Triangle Chapter, Y. D. V. A., was held at the new club house at 1 High Street, at Lebanon, Thursday, July 31.

Clambake was voted on to be held Aug. 10 at Merrill Farm. All Y. D. V. A. are invited to attend this clambake. Menu—Lobster, chicken, corn chowder at 12 M. Bake at 3 P. M. Rain or shine. No umbrellas needed, we have a big tent. Come one, come all.

Past Commander M. E. S. McDERMOTT in chair.

— Commander J. SHARKEY.

DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Dep't. Commander: William Cudworth, R.F.D. No. 1, Brattleboro, Vt.
Dep't. Secretary: Joseph G. Abair, 8 Hubbard St., Montpelier, Vt.

State Meeting — Burlington — Aug. 24th

More news. Flask — Flask — Flash. Hold everything.

Vermont Department, Y. D. V. A., held their regular meeting, Aug. 24th, City Hall, Burlington, Vt.

National Commander ELLIOT CARTER came by plane from Manchester, N. H. and returned at eight o'clock that night. So you see up here in Vermont we have the latest facilities for travel.

National Commander CARTER installed the following officers for the coming year — Dept. Comm. WILLIAM CUDWORTH, Dept. Sec. JOSEPH G. ABAIR, and Dept. Historian CHARLES GLEASON, who by the way is a good one and has a complete record of events during his time of office.

The following chapters were present, Brattleboro, Rutland and Washington County. Absent Franklin and Lamoille Counties. Was hoping to see some of the gang from St. Albans as I have not heard from them for some time. I hope that nothing has happened. What about a news item from St. Albans?

At this meeting CHARLES UPTON, 103nd Inf., was elected acting Commander and HENRY "Red" HARLOW, Amm. Tr., acting Secretary to revive the old chapter or install a new one. There is no reason why Chittenden County should not have the largest chapter in the state. Come on fellows, get behind Charlie and get together. Several of the boys signed their application so Chittenden County will be a reality soon.

Mayor John Burns who by the way was an aviator during the World War No. 1, turned the city hall over to the boys and a real place for a meeting.

CHARLES ROOT, Hdqts. Co., 101st Amm. Tr., represented the State and local American Legion. Charlie did a good job. You talk of hospitality, they not only gave us the city hall but took the whole gang up to the Legion Rooms for a feed and plenty to eat. I ask you what more could any one do for you.

At this luncheon the old memories began to crop out and I only wished that I could write the stories that come out of these meetings, they would make interesting reading. Here is one for you —

WILLIAM "Pop" GANEY, 102nd Inf. Co. M, the oldest man in the 102nd Inf., I am told, met a Buddy by the name of Sgt. JOHN MURRAY that wild Scotchman from Barre, Vt., who had not met since GANEY was wounded and sent to a hospital in France in 1918. GANEY is an Eagle of long standing, so after our feed he invited MURRAY, SID NEWCOMB and yours truly to the Eagles Club and in Vermont on Sunday the clubs are the place, so after a few rounds of scotch-and-soda the old stories began to fly. This GANEY has a remarkable memory for names and dates. It was interesting to hear these old Buddies talk over old times. After listening to them it is a wonder that there are any 102nd Inf. men left, as you and I know they got Hell.

Commander CUDWORTH was minus his Sgt.-at-Arms GEORGE WILLARD, 103rd Inf., the old Cuss has been hit by Cupid and they tell me he is going to get married, mind you, after all these years. Go to it George, best of luck.

Past Dept. Commander ART SMITH was acting Chaplain and he made a good one.

I used to think we had a lot of Amm. Train men in Vermont but when you get out around you find that there are a lot of Dough Boys and

Machine Gunners, so Vermont was lucky after all to have had her boys in different outfits as when they get together they have a real time.

Vermont gave Past National Commander AUSTIN APPLEBY his first chapter last year. We are either going to revive Chittenden County or give our new National Commander a new chapter.

The boys of Burlington would like very much to have their old Captain and Buddy, Captain ROY MINER, Co. E, 101st Amm. Train, to meet with them at their next meeting, all he has to do is to set the date and the boys will do the rest. No one up this way knows his address so if any one does, kindly send same to Comm. CHARLES UPTON or to me.

They tell me he works for General Electric Co. in Lynn, Mass. So to boys of Lynn Chapter look this chap up for me please, and if you want to come up to Burlington with Roy I will guarantee you a damn good time.

— JOSEPH G. ABAIR.

On Saturday and Sunday of Aug. 16th and 17th over at Sabin's Cabins which are located just across the river from Bellows Falls, Vermont, the members of "A" Co., 103rd M.G. Bat., carried out their annual custom of being hosts to the 103rd M.G. Batt. and their invited guests.

My wife and I being among the invited, I cannot help but write about it. We had one of the grandest times of our life. Saturday night was spent in reviewing the highlights of the past year. Dancing followed with music furnished by Jim Bradshaw and his Orchestra. Refreshments were served throughout the evening. The party disbanded just before the sun came over the mountain in order that everyone could get a fresh start for a strenuous day ahead.

Sunday forenoon saw one of the greatest baseball games in the history of the sport. Rhode Island versus the Twin State team of N. H. and Vt. Members of the R. I. team were PETE BOURGET, MICKEY MILLER, EARL FARNUM, HERB. GRYLLS, HAROLD RENAHAN, BILL O'DONNELL, DINKY DANN, with Chuck WALLACE and AL SHABBOTT as the battery.

The Twin State team in batting order were as follows — BENNY WRIGHT, BILL CARNEY, BILL DEAN, RAY DURLING, BILL CUDWORTH, JOHN LINDSTROM with JOHN STRONG and PHIL CHAMPAGNE the battery. JOHN was relieved in the 17th inning for a pinch hitter.

The Twin State team didn't object too much to Rhode Island placing ten men against their eight but when they imported their own umpire it was something to talk about. HERB MORIARTY was the umpire. Our trainer and Manager HERB LEACH had the situation well in hand by keeping us in good spirits (and believe me they were good). The final score—Twin State winning by the large margin of 63 to 62. Better luck next time to Rhode Island.

About this time a chariot came galloping across the field and on nearing us we saw in large white letters on the side "Joe Sharkey's Bakery, Lebanon, N. H.", so we knew the eats had arrived. A swell day for a swell feed and believe me when I say Joe hasn't forgotten the art that made him famous.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in all present watching a horseshoe pitching contest. Two members of the Plow Jockey's Club, STICKEY PRESCOTT and BENNY WRIGHT vied for honors against two members of the Clam Digger's Association, HERB GRYLLS and JOE VIGIARD. Joe had a double assignment in upholding his own honor as well as that of the association.

The game started under Mexican Rules that is no count for leaners and only three points for a ringer. When Herb made a ringer he happened to remember that the Legislature of Rhode Island passed a law last spring stating that a ringer should count 5 points. Of course Rhode Island rules were then used. "Stickey" protested this very much and while he was looking for a bowl of wheaties to give his protest more strength the game halted at the score 7 to 7. To be continued next year.

Finally everyone settled down to some serious conversation and all present signed their names in the Guest Book, which are as follows — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Renahan, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shabbott and son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bourget, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Grylls and "Mickey", Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farnum, Bill O'Donnell, Charles Wallace, Elliot Dann, Timmy Toon, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tweedley, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Vigiard, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Durling and family, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Champagne and family, (their three months old daughter was the center of attraction throughout the day), Mr. and Mrs. John Lindstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dean, Mrs. Wm. Cyrs, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Prescott and their two little guests, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Leach, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Wright,

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cudworth, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McArdle, W. C. Carney, John Strong, B. J. Aumound, Mr. and Mrs. Scotty Frenette, Gerald Cray, Joe Sharkey and Mike Moynihan.

So ends a perfect weekend and before closing I want to thank the whole gang for the swell time we had. Thanks a million.

— BILL CUDWORTH.

"How about it, Pete."

BRATTLEBORO

Commander: Leon Barnes
75 Oak Grove Ave., Brattleboro, Vt.
Secretary: Nicholas Schultz
Williamsville, Vt.

The Brattleboro Chapter met at the usual place and time for their August meeting, with fifteen members present. A pleasant surprise was had by all when JOHN STRONG, "Butsey" AUMOUND and CHARLEY HOPE of Bellows Falls dropped in for the meeting. We certainly were glad to see them and will look forward to their coming again.

Reports were read by the various committees and we learn that we have funds enough for five uniforms now. We want to outfit at least twenty members, so we will keep plugging until we do. Plans are getting under way for the Fall schedule with members and their families included in the doings.

We were very glad to see JOE FLEMING come back into the fold as we have not seen him all summer. Shorty Bernard will be amongst the missing now because he has found work to his liking in Connecticut. HOWARD THAYER is busy getting his newly acquired home ready to move into, so we did not have him with us this month. Someone said that GEORGE WILLARD must be in love because he hasn't been showing up at all lately. HERB LEACH made a flying trip back from Boston so as to be at the meeting on time. What became of BILLY GILSON and that new member he was going to bring with him? We guess that LEROY BERRY is still interested in County Fairs because we do not see him around lately.

Claudia Schultz, daughter of our Secretary "Nick" is to be congratulated on becoming the State Champion Drum Majorette of the American Legion Convention held at Barre, Vermont, this past July. She done a swell job and Nick lost all the buttons on his coat when the announcement was made.

The Brattleboro gang extend their best wishes to the Burlington gang for a large and successful chapter which is now in the making.

NICK SCHULTZ who is busy trying to get his Spring planting done asked me to undertake the job of writing the Brattleboro news for DOINGS. Told him I would try and so now you have it.

— BILL CUDWORTH.

RUTLAND

Commander: Alfred E. Roberts
Manchester Depot, Vt.
Secretary: Charles Reed
121 Temple St., Rutland, Vt.

Here is the dope for the Rutland Chapter for the summer. We have decided to postpone our meetings until Sept. We were supposed to hold our June meeting at Ralph Parker's camp at Lake Rescue, but Ralph was taken very ill just before the meeting and it had to be postponed.

We had quite a gang to the convention in Manchester, but was unable to go myself. The first one I have missed in some time.

Expect to get off to a good start when we have our meeting in September.

Our May meeting was held at Chas. Gleason's camp at Lake Rescue and what a feed we always get down there. Chas. is sure a live wire and a real YD man, wish we had more like him up here. Had a very good turn-out about forty (40) present. ROGER HAMMOND and his wife were present to witness the installation by our National Commander and his aides.

AUSTIN sure has been on the job and made a swell Commander. He never turned us down up here in the woods.

Well, PHIL RICH is still on the job for Uncle Sam and what a camp he has on the mountain. He always has something to treat you with if you happen to drop in.

MARSH WHELDON is still in the hardware business along with NED PERRY.

ART FOOTE is selling lumber and I guess doing a good job. RAY COCKLIN, if anyone needs a tie or silk shirt, can fit you out O.K.

DOLP GHIO is still in the marble game.

It has been a tough summer up here, no rain at all until now.

— FRANK R. SHEDD.

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Robert N. Murray, 9 Tallman Ave., Providence, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Wm. Monte, Arnold's Neck, Warwick, R. I.

KENT COUNTY CHAPTER

Commander: Oliver F. Lewis
175 Cowesett Road, E. Greenwich, R. I.
Secretary: William A. Monte
Arnold's Neck, Apponaug, R. I.

Rhode Island State Dept. and Kent County Chapter Joint Installation of Officers was held recently in the Odd Fellows Hall on School St., Crompton, R. I. Kent County Chapter was the host. Guest Officers were present.

In the absence of Dept. Comm. RANDOLPH DARLING at home with his leg in a plaster cast; the meeting was presided by Past Dept. Comm. LAURENCE COOK.

The meeting was turned over to the National Commander and his Sgt.-at-Arms who proceeded to install the Dept Officers, saying he was sure they would carry on for the good of the Y.D. V.A., also thanking the retiring officers for a job well done. After the Installation, Nat. Comm. ELLIOT CARTER gave quite a lengthy discussion on Y.D.V.A. activity, also referring to the war abroad he said the issue in the United States is not whether we keep out of war but the preservation of our American way of living.

We are not going to be peace at any price Americans. Members of the Rhode Island State Dept. wish to thank the Nat. Comm. and his Sgt.-at-Arms for a splendid job well done, hope you are with us again soon.

The meeting was then turned over to Dept. Comm. ROBERT MURRAY and his Sgt.-at-Arms who proceeded to install Kent County Chapter Officers — Commander, OLIVER LEWIS; Senior Vice, WILLIAM GEDDES; Junior Vice JAMES DYSON; Chaplain, ROY SIMPSON; Secretary, WILLIAM MONTE; Treasurer, ALFRED HEATON; Historian, KENETH CHAPPELL; Sgt.-at-Arms, ALTON GRINDLE; Judge Advocate, WILLIAM BERGIN; Trustee 3 years, HENRI BACON.

After the installation Commander MURRAY said he was sure the new Dept. and Kent County officers would carry on as they had in the past, he also mentioned that he wished to thank the various veterans and their families and friends, also the committee who made this installation possible.

The meeting was then turned over to Commander LEWIS who said that because of the late hour and also that luncheon and dancing was on the program he would be as brief as possible. He said he would try and carry on, building the chapter up to its full strength, also he was sure that the members of the Chapter would do every thing possible to help him. He also thanked all who made the joint installation the success it was.

— Secretary WILLIAM A. MONTE.

Kent County Chapter tentative meeting night, 4th Sunday night, 8 o'clock, Odd Fellows' Hall, School St., Crompton, R. I.

Rhode Island State Dept. Second Annual Outing and Clambake was held on Sunday, July 20, at the Madoc Club, in Hoxie, R. I. About 250 members and their families were present.

Past National Commander AUSTIN APPLEBY and Past Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms JAMES SULLIVAN were present.

The round-robin baseball game was won by Providence Chapter.

The tug-of-war was won by Apremont Chapter. Winners of other events were — Mrs. John Moran, peanut race; Miss Rita Newell, 50-yard dash; Miss Shirley Moran, ball throw; many other prizes were awarded and a good time was had by all many thanks to the committee.

Committee included LAURENCE COOK, GUY KITTREDGE, DAVID DAVIDSON, JOHN MORAN, WILLIAM CLARKE, JOSEPH FRECHETTE, OLIVER LEWIS, HENRY BACON, CARL OLSON.

PAWTUCKET

"Apremont Chapter"
Commander: Joseph L. Bourget
907 Main St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket, R. I.

Now that the summer is over we must get down to business. First you will welcome these new members: EDWARD GODIN, ONESIME MARCIL, ALDEGEA CUDDY, STANLEY JEFFERSON, WILLIAM CARSON and FRANK GIBBONS.

The R. I. Dept. held a clambake at the Modoc Club in July — and we were glad to see our old pals AUSTIN APPLEBY and JIM SULLIVAN and

their Mrs. The bake was well attended with visitors from Springfield (CROKAN and his gang), Worcester, Haverhill (HARRY PLUFF and gang), Boston, and a few from Connecticut. We wish to thank the visitors for having travelled so far, and hope they had a good time. The next State Department meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18th at American-British Hall on High St., Pawtucket, R. I., with Apremont Chapter as host. This is a joint meeting of the State Dept. and Apremont, and is an experiment. Our State meetings in the past have been held on Sunday afternoon. This one is to be held in the evening, hoping for a better attendance. I hereby make a special request of every member of Apremont to please try to attend this meeting and show our new State Commander we are 100% for him. WALTER JENKS is chairman of the entertainment committee for this meeting, and I know he is making a special effort to please and entertain you. A collation will be served. This meeting is "Stag" aas per the State Commander's plans. The next one will be mixed, next stag, etc.

Apremont Chapter's membership is now 127. If we are able to get 10 more members, we shall be the "largest individual Veterans Organization in this city. Let's go boys, and see if we can't squeeze out those last 10 members.

By the time you read this about 15 of our boys will have been measured for new uniforms. Thanks to the fine cooperation of these boys, the "Uniform Pool" is a great success and Apremont will be a better outfit because of it. Next year, I hope to continue this pool with about 25 new men working for unifors and eventually the whole chapter will be "uniformed". Can you picture Apremont "strutting" with about 125 uniforms in the line of march? Boy "ain't" that "somethin'?"

JOHN MORAN is Chairman of a Committee to run a "hallowe'en party October 30. From all appearances, this will be one of the outstanding events of the year. Watch for further notice on this.

We need ten new members and remember my "standing offer". The best cigar you can name for every member you bring in. Call me on it.

— J. L. BOURGET,
Commander.

PROVIDENCE

Commander: Raymond E. Taylor
Secretary: Frank E. McCaffery

In spite of the warm weather and vacations incidental to it, quite a lot has been happening in the vicinity of Providence Chapter since the last report in the June issue of DOINGS. For instance, the last week-end of June witnessed the occasion of the annual Department Convention of the American Legion in the city of Newport, R. I., and the election of Comrade EVERETT J. HOLLAND of Providence Chapter as Department Commander; your truly was re-elected for a two-year term as National Executive Committeeman at the same time. The YD Drum and Bugle Corps was present at the Convention and played a prominent part in the activities. There being no competition this year, it looks as though the boys were being retired as undefeated champions of the Department of Rhode Island.

On July 20th, the Chapter held its annual outing for members and their families at the Modoc Club in Warwick. A large turn-out of comrades enjoyed a splendid day, both the food and the sports being excellent and the weather cooperating to the fullest extent. Chairman LARRY COOK, the Chairman of arrangements, reports a small profit.

As mentioned above, the customary vacations are responsible for some falling off in attendance at Chapter meetings; just the other night Comrade JIM CAIN missed out on a "Kitty" of $33.36 by being absent at roll call. The various committees however, are busy with plans for the coming indoor season and from all indications its going to be a busy winter. DAVE DAVIDSON announced at Wednesday's meeting a Costume Party to be held at Tiogue Lake Vista on the night of October 16th with door and other prizes as well as a midnight snack all for the price of fifty cents.

Action was taken by the Chapter at the July meeting to amend the By-Laws to provide setting ahead the date of the Chapter elections and as a result of unanimous acceptance by the membership the Nominating Committee will in the future make its report in February; the elections to follow in March and installation of newly elected officers at the April meeting. Amendment was likewise made to omit from the list of elective offices that of Sergeant-at-Arms, to provide for his appointment by the newly elected commander. Before this action had been taken, Comrade EDWIN N. (Chick) STORY had been

nominated and elected to this office to fill the office vacated by Comrade CLIFF HIGGINS who had to retire due to pressure of business.

The membership of this Chapter believes in doing its bit today just as it did in 1917. Several of its members are on active duty with the Army in the South. Many more hold offices in the State Guard and still more are preparing for other phases of activity in Home Defense under the State Defense Council. In addition to all this, unanimous action at the August meeting authorized Commander RAY TAYLOR and Treasurer WALTER VICKERY to withdraw from the Security Fund of the Chapter sufficient money to purchase in the name of the Chapter $2000. worth of U. S. Government Defense Bonds. We all point to this record with some pride and recommend it to other Chapters, who may be in position to do it, as an example of combined patriotism and good business.

— FRANK E. MCCAFFERY,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Edward C. Maley, 21 Elmdale St., W. Springfield, Mass.
Dep't. Secretary: Thomas F. Crokan, Pine St., Springfield, Mass.

State Meeting — Reading

The regular meeting of the Massachusetts Department of the Y.D.V.A. was held in Reading, Mass., July 13th, Sunday.

The meeting was called to order by Commander JOHN T. SULLIVAN of Lynn with about seventy members present.

At this point the National Commander was announced and presented to the chair at the left of the Department Commander.

Motion by Comrade COONS of Springfield and seconded by Comrade ELLIOTT of Worcester that the name of Comrade ED. MALEY be placed in nomination, motion carried. There being no further nominations a motion was made and seconded that nominations be closed. Motion carried. This motion was accomplished after Commander SULLIVAN explained to the Body that Comrades VARNUM of Lynn and PLOUFFE of Haverhill were content to hold their elective offices. Motion made and seconded that the Secretary cast one ballot for EDWARD C. MALEY of Springfield, motion carried and complied with.

At this time the Dept. Commander declared a five-minute recess so that the National Executive Committee could go into session to deliberate and approve the election of a State Commander. After the executive meeting concluded, the National Commander reported that after a short deliberation the Committee approved and ratified the selection of Commander of the Department.

Department Commander turned over the gavel to the National Commander for him to install the Officers of the Department of Mass. On request from the National Commander the Officers elect retired to the ante room. All Officers found duly qualified were returned to the assembly hall and the Officers were installed by our National Commander ELLIOTT CARTER.

The newly elected Commander accepting the gavel and the responsibility of the Office declared he would do his best to carry out his duties and asked the support of the entire Department.

A comrade from Fitchburg seeking a point of information asked the Commander how the date was set for this meeting instead of having the meeting last Sunday, which is the regular meeting day of the Department. Commander SULLIVAN disclosed the fact that at the last meeting of the Department in Milford the Chateau Thierry Chapter asked for the July meeting of the Department and desired the meeting be held one week later because of holiday, whereupon the Department granted the request.

The August meeting was omitted. The next meeting of the Department is to be held in Fitchburg, September 7th.

Roll Call of Chapters — Beverly, two present; Boston, four present; Concord, one present; Danvers, three present; Fitchburg, nine present; Haverhill, five present; Lynn, eleven present; Salem, one present; Springfield, eleven present; Worcester, three present.

At this time the Commander presented the National Commander ELLIOTT CARTER of Nashua, N. H., who told of his several visits as head of the Y.D.V.A. with Providence being his first installation and to Springfield for his first Executive Committee meeting.

P.N.C. APPLEBY spoke also and said he was glad to feel like a regular member once more and stressed the valor of the old YD in a pinch, proving that they could take it.

OLIVER LEWIS, Commander of the Providence Chapter, was presented and brought the greetings of the Chapter and wished the Dept. Officers best of success.

Dept. Commander BOB TAYLOR extended the greetings of the Dept. of Rhode Island, but forgot to tell any thing about the big clam bake, July 20th.

WM. GREER, Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms, was also presented and took a bow.

Nat. Sec. GUY WATTS spoke on the delay of the Dept. Officer's medal and assures that they would be ready at next meeting.

Motion made and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to write a letter of appreciation to the Reading Post, A. L., for the use of the hall. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that a letter of sympathy be sent to the family of Major SLATER WASHBURN. The Major was a YD man and well known in Mass. Motion carried.

— THOS. F. CROKAN, Sec'y.

BOSTON

Commander: John F. Collins
381 Pond Ave., Brookline, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The regular Monthly Smoker for August was held at the Memorial Club on the 21st, with four of the Boston Braves assisting in entertaining the members with stories of baseball. They were Johnny Cooney, Eddie Miller, Buddy Hassett and Max West. An enjoyable evening was had and we hope to have the boys back again with us next season.

The Club has leased the first floor for a year for a pool and billiard room. A new boiler is to be installed in the Club within the next month.

FITCHBURG

Commander: J. Harold Crain
160 Union St., Leominster, Mass.
Secretary: William E. King
431 Main St., Leominster, Mass.

Fitchburg Chapter, Y.D.V.A., held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday night, August 12, with 46 members present. Five members of the Gardner Chapter attended the meeting and paid their dues for the coming year.

Fitchburg Chapter donated the sum of $25.00 for entertaining the British sailors in the C C C Camp at Townsend, Mass.

A big clam bake was the occasion for the State Meeting held here on September 7th. Past Commander THOMAS KENNEDY was Chairman of all Committees.

— WILLIAM E. KING,
Secretary.

HAVERHILL

Commander: Roy Wightman
4 So. Kimball St., Bradford, Mass.
Secretary: Ballard Crockett
2 Clinton St., Haverhill, Mass.

We might welcome a reminder now and then but we always knew that we were a distinctive outfit in veterandom. It is pleasant to recall the days when Major General CLARENCE RANSOM EDWARDS took a raw bunch of men and molded them into one of the greatest fighting units of World War I. And into his division he breathed a soul. Because he was first with his Yankee lads he made us first on many counts. Buck to Brigadier, we have no rank now but we all have the pride that we have as a background, New England's Yankee Division, the Cream of the Crop.

Mentioned previously in this column, we have a fine bunch of gals in our auxiliary. Without stealing another secretary's "fire", the chapter he-men aided them in their Lawn Party and Weiner Roast recently held at CHARLIE BRINDAMOUR's residence. State Senior Vice "Muscles" VARNUM was the out-of-town guest and the in-town highlight was Alderman Thomas L. Wood, ex-soldier, A.E.F., who did a fine job in raffling off a goose donated by Roy McKinney, champ turkey-raiser. All of this cooperation has been very gratifying to the Junior Drum and Bugle Corps Committee, for which this was conducted. The chapter committee consists of S.V. W. PERRY TARLETON, Chairman, assisted by J.V. WALLACE BURNHAM and Sgt.-at-Arms ERNEST METEYER.

It is pleasing to note in passing that our own younger generation is air-minded. WILLIAM HAMILTON, Battery A's own pugilist in his younger days, took his children on their first plane ride recently.

It was a constructive suggestion that the Commander, ROY WIGHTMAN, gave out at a recent meeting. He urged all members to invite any former YD-er to sit in at a meeting in the hope

to create greater interest and membership. It would be fine to remember this courtesy and extend it whenever possible.

Yoo hoo and the punishment that the gallant boys of General .....'s outfit took without a murmur. It's too damned bad that boys can't be boys and appreciate beauty in shorts. In our day the girls would have stopped their golf. Oh yeah? But what right had a Lieut.-General to wear civies, anyway? I ask you. Some of us have fond memories of a chic madamoiselle, or a fiery senorita or a favorite fraulein. Or all three. We've had our day.

The Sick Committee reported on WALTER SWAP (101st Amm. Tr.) as being confined to his bed; ROY WADE (Supp. Co., 101st F.A.) of Gardiner, Me., as up and around but not working, and "Patsy" HUGHES (A Co., 102nd F.A.) as returned to the Vet's Hospital, Rutland. Suitable remembrances were voted by the Chapter.

Greetings to our new members since last issue: Lieut. Col. GEORGE W. LANGDON, JR., SIMON J. BURKE, ELI LAGASSEE, J. WILLIAM CROSS, formerly of A, 102nd F.A.; Major HARRY B. CAMPBELL, CLARENCE TRACY of F, 104th Inf; DEWEY VINCENT of 101st Motor Supply Train and J. CLIFTON CLANCY. It is a double pleasure to greet two commissioned officers in one issue. We all know that the best comes from the Yankee Division so that explains why GEORGE LANGDON (with others) was returned to the States for training purposes and also why HARRY B. CAMPBELL with his specialized training was needed in the 5th Division. And rambling on, our cup would be full to overflowing if Major CHARLES H. MORSE had the proper health to come in with us, another gentleman and soldier who had too much training to stop at company commander.

It is recalled by our barber shop quartets, and what have you, that ROBERT D. HURLEY (A Co., 102nd F.A.), now of Lynn, that he is the foremost authority on songs and parodies dear to the hearts of old-timers. It is the earnest hope of this secretary that Bob can find time to dash off a few of these masterpieces of 1917 and drop them in the mail. WALLACE BURNHAM says you are good, now prove it!

— BALLARD CROCKETT, Sec'y.

Haverhill Auxiliary

Three new members have been welcomed into our Auxiliary during the past month: Martha J. Dowd, wife of JOHN P. DOWD, Lawrence; Carrie Fitzgerald, sister of CLARENCE TRACEY; and Bertha Martin, wife of WILLIAM J. MARTIN, No. Andover.

The Auxiliary held a Weiner Roast and Lawn Party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brindamour, August 16. Lillian Brindamour was chairman of the committee, assisted by Lerah Wightman, as treasurer, Florence Tarleton, Leona Flanagan, Catherine Hamilton, Mae Brown, Sr. Vice-President Mattie Greenleaf, Ruth Meteyer, Katherine Burnham and Victoria Vincent. Other members of the auxiliary assisted that night and several members of the Chapter were kept busy both in getting ready and cleaning up afterwards as well as helping out that evening. About two hundred people were in attendance and a neat little profit of $145. was realized, which was immediately turned over to the drum corps.

Sue Laflin was out to our last meeting after a long absence. Fanny Crockett is beginning to get out again after her accident. Sally Hart is gaining having been forced to take it easy since her collapse at Manchester.

Sr. Vice-President Mattie Greenleaf is chairman of our blanket club, which keeps her stepping when she isn't tending the Love Birds her husband won at our Weiner Roast.

George Coogan, Haverhill, was the winner of the $10. given away at the Weiner Roast, and Leona Flanagan won the $5. award.

Lillian Brindamour is such a good worker she has been made treasurer of the Drum Corps committee. Also we have made her chairman of the committee in charge of a blanket which is being raffled in October.

Any of you people who are in New Hampshire October 13th should drop in at the Sandwich Fair. Sandwich, N. H. is Sally's home town and through her interest our drill team has been invited to participate.

At our meeting Wednesday, August 27th, three birthdays were observed. Mrs. Emma Galvin's, Sally Hart's and Leona Flanagan's, and we had a large crowd present to wish them many happy returns. — F. L. Tarleton.

LYNN
Commander: Perley Knight
Secretary: Christian Schacht
197 Adams St., Malden, Mass.

With summer on the wane activities will spurt from now on. We held our regular meetings every Tuesday evening, all summer and also our

monthly smokers. Our last smoker, August 26th, was unique, it being for the first time, a Father and Daughters' night and a splendid showing was made by the daughters. The Coca-Cola Bottling Company put on a very educational picture and entertainment included the Booth Hill-Billies and Sonny Hiland accordianist. CLAUDE HOAG, S.V.C. and GUS JOHNSON P.C. had charge.

Our Chateau Thierry Club under the direction of RAYMOND DOUCETTE, P.N.C., assisted by RICHARD HENNESSEY, MICHAEL GAROFANO P.C., LESLIE PUGH, WALTER SMITH P.C., EUSTIS GRIMES, WILLIS HARVEY, BYRON MABIE, HOWARD SMITH and CHRISTIAN SCHACHT is going strong. Our Junior Drum and Bugle Corps under the leadership of HARRY MOORE and JAMES CONNOLLY and his committee have been active and the youngsters are real good now. The YD Barrage ends its second year as a Veteran's Publication and we are proud to say it is a paying proposition. Commander PERLEY KNIGHT has done a swell job as Editor assisted by EDMUND TRUDELL Asst. Editor, and Business Manager A. RAYMOND DOUCETTE who also acts as Treasurer; GUS JOHNSON as Advertising Manager is very active.

A large delegation will attend the State Meeting at Fitchburg and ROYAL THOMAS the Captain of our team expects Lynn will clean up the Soft Ball championship.

Our Chapter is working hard with the local National Defense program.

Our membership committee is on the alert and our Armistice Eve Banquet Committee is headed by CARL RUDDOCK and let me warn you now, if any desire reservations, make them now for this year's event should be the best ever and you know what that means.

CHARLIE SCANLON has a new heir to the throne — all the Lynn gang are employed — all bills are paid — a big balance remains — so why shouldn't Lynn be proud — and before I forget — our annual outing will be held September 28th at Rumbolt's Grove, Lynnfield Center and CLAUDE HOAG has complete charge of the program assisted by EARL THORNTON, PETER PERRAULT, IVAN COMEAU, ARTHUR JANNELL, THOMAS CURRAN, PERCY PAGE, MICHAEL GAROFANO, RUDOLPH HEFTYE, EARL TRECARTIN and RICHARD HENNESSEY. We never hold stag affairs, so come and bring the family.

— RAY DOUCETTE, P.N.C.

READING
"Chateau Thierry Chapter"
Commander: Albert C. Maxwell
15 Gardner Rd., Reading
Secretary: Thos. H. Campbell
11 Wilson St., Reading

Our last meeting was held at the Town Hall, Reading, on August 14th, and although the attendance was rather small, there was an abundance of enthusiasm shown by those present.

Since the Chapter's inception two years ago, there have been some 14 or 15 members who have attended the meetings regularly. These members have kept the Chapter going, have worked hard, and when necessary have unleased the purse strings so that we YD veterans could have a chapter of our own, near our homes.

Last year the Chateau Thierry Chapter had about 60 paid up members. I attended every meeting, and I feel sure that at least twenty of those boys I have never had the pleasure of meeting.

No doubt, these members I refer to, will read this letter, and I sincerely hope they will attend our next meeting, and work together with the rest of the members, and build the Chapter up, and place it up near the front, where it rightfully belongs.

At the present time we are in the midst of a membership drive, the largest we have ever put on. Some 200 letters are being sent to potential members, to be followed up a little later by visitations from the boys on the membership committee. This should bring results — and it will!

We intend putting on a series of Penny Sales during the fall and early winter. Our last Penny Sale was a huge success, and we feel, that with the experience gained from it, our future sales should prove gratifying.

One of our most loyal members, TOMMY LANDERS of Wakefield, is ill at present, in the Chelsea Soldiers home. However, the reports we have received from members who have visited him, are all to the good, and we are all hoping that Tommy will be back at our meetings real soon.

We had a pleasant surprise at our last meeting when an old Buddy, PAT LONG, dropped in on us. Pat is the type of member we would like to see at every meeting, and here's hoping it becomes a habit with Pat.

Several of the boys deserve a word of praise for the work they accomplished for the Chapter in the past month or two, namely GARDNER

PERRY, CARL GOODRIDGE, and ED ROWE, and they are still plugging, with plenty of help from Commander MAXWELL.

We are expecting plenty of assistance from our newer members such as Doc WESTCOTT, LORING WILCOX, GARDNER GILL, WARREN CHARLES, BOB PACKARD, RALPH GREENLEAF, ENOCH DOWNING, LYMAN PRATT, PERCY MACWHINNEY, and CHARLY DE FAZIO.

Our Annual get-together in November is being planned already, and boys, it's going to be a real one.

— T. H. CAMPBELL,
Secretary.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Dennis Brunton
42 Ranney St., Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roy M. Coons
51 Elmdale St., W. Springfield, Mass.

The chapter was pleased to have the National Commander call his first meeting in Springfield, July 3rd, which was held at the Hotel Charles. The boys that stayed over and paraded with us in the rain the 4th do receive a lot of credit and I assure you we do appreciate it. Many thanks to all you boys.

On the eve of the fourth of July the Springfield Chapters drum corps, through Chairman BEACH, entered the corps in the horrible parade and once again received first prize.

The annual lawn party is now well under way with Comrade MALEY as Chairman and the following committee: Commander BRUNTON ex-officio, PATCH, CROKAN, DEE, FLESCHER, ISAACS, BEACH, LOWE, PHELPS, VALENTINE, JACQUES, ROSS, FISHER, and the drum corps.

The chapter won second place in the Fourth of July parade in the military section and was presented a beautiful trophy from the city of Springfield.

With membership reaching a new high, a lot of credit goes to Comrade CROKAN for his good work.

The chapter is glad to hear that Comrades MARTINDALE and EGAN have returned home from Newington Hospital, and the report is that they are feeling fine.

Many thanks GUY for the orchids but I would of settled for a lolly pop or one of them short Beer-r-rs.

Now that vacations are pretty near over we hope that some of the boys who do not attend meetings will come down and give those who are working hard a lift, the chapter has many functions from now on through the winter months.

— ROY M. COONS.

WORCESTER

Commander: Fred A. Jones
4 Tatnuck Terrace, Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
8 Newbury St., Worcester, Mass.

Now that the summer vacations are over or mostly so, the boys of the Worcester chapter are getting down to the job that is ahead of them for the winter months and especially the nomination and election of officers that will be held in October. Keen rivalry is expected in some of the contests that will be held for the various offices now that the chapter is forging ahead and getting into its rightful place in this organization.

Since our last meeting a few things of interest have happened that the members of this chapter enjoyed namely — on Sunday, Aug. 4th the members of Batt. B, an organization that served in the YD according to our "Chef" EDDIE RACICOT (when we were down on the border) held an outing at Howes Pond, Spencer, (a State Reservation), for the familys of that organization. It being a wonderful day several cases of sunburn were noted a few days' after, much to the discomfort of those concerned.

After everybody reported that they had a most enjoyable time at this outing, the question was brought up at the chapter meeting for an outing for the chapter members and their families, so without further ado a committee was appointed under the guidance of our Junior Vice Commander, EUGENE GILLIAM, and after the smoke of the battle had cleared away it was decided to hold the outing at the same place. By smoke of the battle I do mean that, because several of the members thought that this should be a stag affair; as one of the comrades said in his reply on the post card that was sent to him "Since 1934 I thought that this was a man's organization".

The main feature of these outings were that it only cost $1 per family, and when the families run from one to eight per, and you have close to a hundred families present you can see that we must of had a couple of nice parties. Sports of various kinds were had such as horseshoes, fishing, soft ball and, oh yes, over at one

of the small tables under the trees there was a rummy game going on.

As for the soft ball game the older boys that played in the game had better confine themselves after this to sitting on the sidelines and cheer for their sons, who by the way as your correspondent heard, let their fathers have first raps then showed them how to make runs; the score keeper sitting in the sun stopped counting after eleven runs had been scored by the boys in the first inning because his nose was getting terribly red either from the sun or — ?

Well I believe that this is all for the time being, so until the next State meeting which will be held in Fitchburg where another wonderful outing will be held. — C. O. E.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: George R. Geer, Interlaken Rd., Stamford, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith, 12 Trotter St., Manchester, Conn.

State Meeting — New Haven — Aug. 10

Meeting opened by Commander GEER at YD Chateau. PNC LEN MALONEY, PNC AL HERMAN, and PC EARL BERGIN of Kent County Chapter, R. I. had seats up front.

Secretary reports four from New Haven and two from Hartford distributed cigarettes for Dept. at Newington last Wednesday in July; BERNT BENTSON found recovering after transfusion; ART JOHNSON recovering from burst appendix; SAM POLLEY of Norwalk at Newington.

LEN MALONEY reports first payment made to sculptor for statue to General Edwards to be erected on Capitol grounds at Hartford, busy now on a fine likeness of the face, dedication planned for Memorial Day in 1942. PNC AL HERMAN was appointed chairman of dedication committee.

HIRSCH and DUBE present beautifully done resolution on the passing of Major BANNIGAN. AL HERMAN moved the adoption of the resolution and the framing of copies to widows and Newington Hospital at Dept. expense. HIRSCH presents Dept. with blank copies for future resolutions.

DAVE GOLDEN and CHARLIE COCKERTON report progress on securing YD plate, the only prize not yet awarded, will be secured as soon as New Haven winner's name is turned in.

Letters from Secretary of Meriden Chapter and National Secretary showing that Meriden Chapter has won the Dept. trophy awarded for greatest increase in membership for year ending with last national convention; letter to Governor Hurley offering Conn. YDVA, for defense purposes in any community in state, replies from Executive Secretary James E. Murphy and Administrator Samuel H. Fisher of State Defense Council; letters to the five donors of raffle prizes, with thanks and copies of June and July minutes.

PSC THOMPSON stated that Dept. officers excepting chaplain, should be warned that Article V, Section V of Dept. Constitution allows dropping of officers who do not attend three successive state meetings. BUCK ADAMS of Meriden, back from hospital in Florida, reports YD known all over the country, found 42 YD men at Key West, believes chapters can be started there. EARL LYON made an able and fiery speech on the weaknesses of the boys who fail to attend state meetings. AL HERMAN says no cliques in YD, everyone treated alike, Daddy Edwards said to carry on, keep faith, every YD man should be at the Edwards Memorial dedication on May 30, 1942. EARL BERGEN says other departments have small attendance in summer, don't get downhearted. JVC LINDGREN will take care of cigarette distribution at Newington for August 27th when the secretary is on vacation. Commander GEER commends joint veteran affairs like Willimantic's outing. New London and Bridgeport veteran cooperation also good. New London complimented also on fine drum corps whose efforts were given a rising vote of thanks on motion by OTIS CULVER.

Norwalk Has September Meeting.

— CLYDE G. BECKWITH,
Secretary.

HARTFORD

Commander: Herbert Nelson
492 Broadview Ter., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Paul J. Caravatt
43 Ansonia St., Hartford, Conn.

Even through the hot months of July and August the chapter held its regular meetings and Hartford will be going it strong with the meetings of September and October. HERB NELSON after appointing his committees has checked by

phone to see if all were doing their work. JOHN CARTER, senior-vice has many plans for plenty of activities during the coming year. Doc ALLEN, as junior -vice is steamed up on the delinquents and wants to know why this chapter cannot pass that 300 mark again.

Now that school has reopened the juniors are ready to get back into those meetings with ART NIELSEN, chairman and FRANK ANINGER, as instructor.

There will be some dances and some of those good old military whist parties that brought many YD men and the women folks out the last few years.

I know there are plenty of good YD men in every chapter but we have one in Hartford that's got the stuff. That fellow is HARRY ROBERTSON, Past National Sergeant-at-Arms and our present Treasurer. HARRY besides doing a good job with the finances makes his weekly visit every Wednesday night to the Veterans Hospital at Newington to pass out cigarettes to all YD men. In the past three years or so Harry has missed but few of these trips and only because of other duties for YD when someone else could take his place. On Monday nights he fills his car with several youngsters and trots them along to the drum corps drills. His car markers are YD 711 so it makes no difference with Harry whether its 7 or 11 he is always ready to do something for YD.

The Connecticut Department, A. L., held its convention at Waterbury in July and it was a grand affair. There were so many YD men there that it seem like another YD convention. Among some of those were BEN BOURN, RAY KINCAID, RAY SCOTT, HAROLD ELLINGWOOD, EARL MURPHY, LOUIS CHEVELIER, BILL GANEY, JACK SMITH, and many more including several from the New Haven YD Chapter with their YD berets.

JOHN R. FEEGEL of Meriden a good YD man just finished a year as Department Commander and HENRY T. RUDOLPH of West Haven was re-elected as Department Historian.

During July Connecticut particularly Hartford and New Haven had Defense Training, Hartford opened its sessions on Monday, July 7th and among the speakers that night included one of our own YD men General DANIEL NEEDHAM, now Director, Protection Division, Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety, "The Warden's Place In Defense."

General NEEDHAM gave a very fine talk, and JIMMY YACAVONE and yours truly observed that YD tie clasp that the General wore and remained later to talk with him. Among some of the others taking the Air Warden's Course were HAROLD CASE, HAROLD ELLINGWOOD, WILLIAM A. ALLEN, EDWARD KENEFICK, WILLIAM L. SULLIVAN and many more.

We also regret the loss of our member EDWARD E. LAVOIE, a former member of the 102nd M.G. Co., who passed away suddenly from a heart ailment August 4th. A service was held at the Dillons Funeral Home, Wednesday evening, with more than forty YD members present. The services were conducted by Senior Vice-Commander JOHN C. CARTER and National Historian JOHN J. GOSS. Burial was at the Soldiers Field, and many YD men attended, on Thursday, August 7th.

Our National Judge Advocate VINE R. PARMELEE was appointed by Governor Hurley to the Common Pleas Court and has been a very busy man since he assumed that judgeship.

— JOHN G. GOSS.

MERIDEN

Commander: Walter F. Knox
74 Bradley Ave., Meriden, Conn.
Secretary: Clarence A. Roys
87 North Pearl St., Meriden, Conn.

Meriden has held no meetings this summer since the regular June meeting and we do not plan another until September. However, the boys have been active with one thing or another for the good of the YD.

A number of YDers from here went to the Manchester Convention and had a grand time. Those who made it say to you who did not go that you certainly missed one swell convention.

We had a very successful raffle on July 7 which netted our Chapter over $150. In this connection if anyone knows the holder of ticket No. 2604 get in touch with Commander WALTER KNOX. He is guarding a fine Waltham wrist watch for whoever shows up with that lucky number.

The Big Barbecue Family Outing at Loring's YD grove on Sunday, August 24 was a real success. Over 200 YD men and their families were there. The chef, no less than Commander WALT KNOX, and his staff of energetic helpers deserve a lot of praise. Also appreciation to BILL LORING, a YD man who owns the grove. Thanks to the following, who helped so faithfully: CARTER, CUMMINGS, BOARDMAN, SEMRAU, ADAMS, TOMASSETTI, DIKE, etc., and we don't

forget the YD kids who did so much to help. If we have left out anyone to whom thanks is due, it's because we couldn't remember them all.

Membership now stands at 80, 8 new ones having come in since the Convention.

KENNETH PARKIN, a member of Meriden Chapter, has been honored by the local American Legion Post, having just been elected Commander. JOE LUBY of Southington who has been on the sick list, is up and around and back at work, we hear. Glad to hear it, Joe.

— C. A. ROYS, Secretary.

NEW BRITAIN

Commander Alfred H. Griswold
45 Main St., New Britain, Conn.
Secretary: Arthur Butcher
13 Audubon St., New Britain, Conn.

Due to the meetings being called off during July and August there is not much in the way of news to report.

We visited the Newington Hospital and found CHARLES WEARE on his feet once more and expecting to be out soon.

To any member who thinks New Britain was not represented at the convention we counted ten from our Chapter there.

The meetings will be held the first and third Thursdays until further notice the first being Thursday, Sept. 4th.

Next month will try and find more to report.

— ARTHUR BUTCHER,
Secretary.

NEW HAVEN

Commander: Fred B. Hirsch
139 Foster St., New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Henry J. Dube
265 Gorham Ave., Hamden, Conn.

From the Officers and the Commander these few lines to express our sincere thanks to the loyal supporters who so heartily responded Sat. night, Aug. 16th, and showered the Chapter with 40 beautiful gifts for the Chateau kitchen, spoons, pots, knives, kettles, strainers, beautiful dish towels, pot holders, can openers and so many more useful articles that we will have to stretch the kitchen to find place for all.

At 11 P. M. a buffet lunch was served by the ladies who brought all the food, the bar was in full swing as well as the dance floor. All who attended had a pleasant evening. Special thanks go out to Mrs. JOHN (Bull Dog) ANDERSON, who baked a beautiful cake with all the national colors and two YD cakes which was cut into 60 pieces and wrapped in napkins by Com. HIRSCH for the ladies to take home and have happy dreams on.

Com, HIRSCH was dressed up as three Franc Annie from (Barly Duc) with 1st Vice Com. BOMBOLISKI as the groom (town cryer) from the (Kaiser's Own) from Nancy. So in closing to all who attended and to the Officers who so loyally worked to make this night the grand success it was, I am as ever your faithful Commander,

— FRED V. HIRSCH.

As this goes to press members of New Haven chapter were shocked to hear of the sudden death of Jack Ahearn, brother of the late Sergt. Timmy Ahearn, Co. C, 102nd Infantry, in whose honor a statue was erected on New Haven's War Memorial Boulevard. Jack never failed to appear on Memorial Day and Armistice Day each year when wreathes were placed by the Chapter at the base of the memorial to his distinguished brother. Jack was only 46.

The organization of a membership committee that will function was promised by Commander FRED HIRSCH at the chapter's August business meeting. AL SMITH, junior vice, will head the committee. He reported a paid up membership of 85.

Past Commander FRANK LEE, chairman of ways and means, reported a net balance of $51.00 after the payment of $90.10 in bills during the month. The "take" from the July cruise project was $103.00. This month the chapter offers Defense Bonds totaling $825.00 as awards. This should bring 'em in. Help Uncle Sam and the chapter, too.

Past Commander JACK DILLON (the chapter's financial angel) reported that the plaster replica of the Jim Haggerty memorial plaque was almost ready and would be presented to the chapter during the next month.

Commander HIRSCH reported a next profit of $24.40 from the August State Department meeting, proving that a chapter can handle these affairs, give everybody a good time and make a little dough. FRED has a flair for this sort of thing. He could run a wake and make money.

Letters were read from Capt. RAY BUSH, who is with the 26th Division at Fort Devens, Bandmaster TONY TETA, of the 102nd Infantry and Col. CHARLIE COMFORT, of the 118th Medical Regiment, both at Camp Blanding.

A contribution of $10.00 to the New Haven Register-Family Society Fresh Air Camp Fund was reported.

HENRY DUBE, our secretary, is doing a bang-up job on an index of all YD men in this district. When he finishes the membership committee will have no excuses to offer.

On motion of Past Commander LEE the secretary was instructed to determine from the national secretary why no action was taken at the Manchester convention on a resolution adopted by New Haven chapter last Spring providing for the use of the symbol AEF after the name of the National Association.

J. Edward Malone day, an annual jamboree, was staged this year at the chateau. It was held on August 31 — what a day that was.

BARNEY WYNNE, club steward, reported that the pig won by Hank DUBE at a State Department meeting will look swell with an apple in its mouth along about October 1. The barbecue pit is being placed in service by HARRY HALL.

It was reported that ANDY ANASTASIO was still a patient at Newington. Andy, an old YD wheel horse, has been in hospitals for almost a year. If you were in the Machine Gun Company of the 102nd Infantry, drop Andy a card. Send him one anyway.

— L. J. M.

NEW LONDON

Commander: Earl B. Lyon
Lord's Point, Stonington, Conn.
Secretary: Maurice Healey
41 Washington St., New London, Conn.

Since our last report we have picked up five new members, have brought back into the fold some of the stragglers and are now ahead of last year mon membership. We aim to have at least twenty new members this year and that's no easy task when one takes into consideration that no unit left this city in the last war and most of us are from the four corners of New England.

We reported in our last month's chapter news that we gave the New London Junior College an American Flag and that so long as we are able it is our job to see that a suitable flag is flying from the flag pole of this school. We sent the Editor of YANKEE DOINGS a picture of the big doings and if you had sharp eyes you will find it in one of the corners, reduced to postage stamp size, (we were asked for pictures), we sent them, and presto they, or it, were printed! (The Editor will think we are registering a kick so we'll pass this up). And we plan on sending in more pictures — and some day we may hit the front page!

After the New London Flag Day we went over to Waterford and had our drum corps with us, we played for the crippled children and have received the request to come back as soon as we are able. Then over to the Norwich State Hospital for the insane and both our chapter and drum corps made the trip and again we have been asked to repeat. The Elks of Norwich asked us over to play a part in their great Charity and Americanism Day and over we went, drum corps and chapter and a good time was had by all. Then on our last State Meeting Day at New Haven we took our corps with us and we don't kid you fellows when we say that little corps of ours went over with a bang — and are we at New London Proud! In fact, we have down here at New London some of that real Yankee Spirit which all of us could use — in large doses. Your reporter got up on his feet and declared himself along these lines and wound up with the statement that we have to drag this spirit out in the open and spot the bad habit some of us have in keeping that spirit in between the pages of our memory book. All this at our last state meeting.

Our plans for a huge Military Ball are rolling along and we hope that this will be supported by the other Connecticut Chapters as we frankly will need help in doing this job right. At the last meeting and election of the New London Council of Veterans and Patriotic Associations the New London YD came out on top with flying colors. Comrade WM. I. MCLAUGHLIN was elected Chairman, Commander EARL LYON was elected Vice Commander, Sec'y. JOHN O'CONNOR of the Conn. State Dept. was elected Sec'y., and Comrade JOHN BRUCE was elected trustee. Which makes us top dog down here with the opportunity of putting YD out there where it justly belongs.

— E. B. L.

DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dep't. Commander: Nathan D. Golden, 4000 Cathedral Ave., Washington

CHICAGO

Commander: Dana M. Hubbard
1402 Seward Ave., Evanston, Ill.
Secretary: Charles R. Fick
4528 No. Winchester Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The 1941 annual picnic of the Chicago Chapter can be written down in the records as a modest financial success. There was no need to dip into the Chapter's treasury to pay the bills. From the social angle, however, the picnic fell somewhat short of expectations. The boys and their families simply did not turn out for the occasion.

Perhaps it isn't straining the truth too far to say that we had about 60 on hand. We had hoped for double that number. The fact that we had 60 is due entirely to the manner in which GIL NAPE's family and friends supported the outing.

The picnic was held this year on Sunday, August 17. Everyone seemed to like the spot that BILL KEYES obtained for last year's affair, Pulaski Woods, West in the Cook County Forest Preserve, so we went back there. It's almost all that anyone could expect as a picnic location. The club asked only adults to buy tickets at 50 cents each and furnished free beer, milk, pop and ice cream bars.

Active members present were: ED O'CONNELL, RAY DORN, ED PEDERSON, LAWRENCE SETTER, RAY FICK, GIL NAPE, BILL KEYES, JOHN KLOCKOWSKI and DANA HUBBARD. One YD man, who was new to all of us, drove in with his daughter from Hammond, Ind. He is ANTHONY J. WEIS, 103rd Inf. Medical Detachment, a D. S. C. man whom we are proud to have join the Chicago chapter. He saw one of the newspaper items announcing the picnic and learned for the first time of a YD club in the Middle West. In passing it should be noted that the Chicago *Tribune* and the Chicago *Daily News* both gave the picnic generous advance news mention. It hasn't always been too easy to get the newspapers here to run notices of our events.

What with a program of fancy and sustained eating, sprinkled with a few sports events, the Club managed to stage a picnic that those present enjoyed, notwithstanding weather that was not too good. Whether there will be another picnic in 1942 is an open question. Holding any event of this kind imposes responsibilities on a few loyal YD men. Certainly, it is something less than fair to them when the club as a whole votes to hold an event, asks them to arrange the detail and then stays away.

Prizes at the picnic this year went to the following — Woman's door prize, Miss Ethel O'Connell; Man's door prize, Gil Nape, Jr.; Baseball throwing contest, woman's prize, Mrs. Lawrence J. Setter; man's prize, Lawrence J. Setter; Girls' 50-yard dash, won by Flo Nape; Boys, 50-yard dash, won by Mike Judd; 40-yard dash (backwards) for Gobs, won by Willie Marx.

Since last Spring the Chicago Chapter has been planning to sponsor a reunion dinner for these members of the Yankee Division attending this year's American Legion convention at Milwaukee. Several times members of the chapter have gone to Milwaukee to talk over arrangements and there has been considerable correspondence. Now it develops that the Convention officials cannot tell us where we can hold the reunion and dinner. We are informed a place will be available. And that is all. Obviously the Chicago chapter can't go ahead on such an indefinite proposition. Rather than try to stage a reunion and then find the reunion spot outside of Milwaukee or in some inconvenient part of the city, Chicago's attitude is, "Skip it, unless we know we can do it right."

One of the best events the chapter here has ever held was the YD reunion dinner when the Legion met in Chicago in 1939. ED O'CONNELL was president then. With WALTER CROWELL and JOHNNY LEE, he did a great job of putting on a dinner that impressed everyone who was present. It would be a mistake to go to bat in Milwaukee with two strikes on us — and that is the way the situation looks.

JOHN KLOCKOWSKI has invited the club to meet at his tavern some time this Fall. John has been one of the persistent boosters of Yankee Division activities in Chicago for a long time, and it is probable that the club will hold a meeting soon at his place.

Observance of Armistice Day is on the fire. The club will probably hold a dinner-dance. A number of suggestions as to details are under consideration. It may be that the club will join

with some other combat division association for the evening.

Odds and Ends — We see too little of AL USHER and JOHN LEE since they moved out of the city. AL has a country place near Paw Paw, Mich., where he spends most of his time when he isn't keeping picture exhibitors properly sold on Paramount. Johnny has moved out to Arlington Heights, a good town during July when the horses run there. The club owes RAY RICK and ED O'CONNELL a couple of votes of sincere thanks for the hustling they did to put over this summer's picnic. BILL KEYES gets a citation, too, for driving all night just to get in town for the picnic.

— D. M. H.

CLEVELAND
"Ohio Chapter"
Commander: Ralph L. Shaw
1820 Oakmont Rd., So. Euclid, Ohio
Secretary: Herbert Riehl
9418 Gibson Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

Sunday, July 13th, came. It was a bright, warm day — not too warm — just an ideal day for a ride in the country and a basket picnic at some inviting spot. It was the Sunday, the day, selected by the committee for the annual outing of the Ohio Chapter of the Y. D. V. A. And the boys brought their wives, their kids, their friends, their dogs and their baskets to one of the liveliest affairs this chapter has ever had. HARRY SCHNELL and ED DULUDE were the ones who planned it all and certainly deserve most of the credit for the success it proved to be. Races and contests there were a-plenty; and, of course, the picnickers all had that old YD spirit of comradeship. Plenty of swimming, too, in Fell Lake.

We were all delighted to meet ROE BALO, a YD member living in Akron; he brought along his wife and his young children, a son and a daughter. Let you New Englanders take warning from this: the baked beans capital is soon to shift from Boston to Cleveland, as our own Mrs. Harry Schnell bakes the finest beans in the country. Besides being a good baker of beans she is also generous in her distribution of them, sharing them even with hungry bachelors. Your secretary had never been to a YD picnic before and supposed that it would be poorly attended; to counteract this he rounded up eight kids and brought them along. Imagine his surprise when he counted 125 of our party in the picnic group. Everybody went home reluctantly.

P.S. I almost forgot to mention OKIE O'CONNOR and the pistol he used to start the races. Every time it exploded my movie camera attempted to commit hari-kari.

And then came Sunday, August 17. It was the day of our regular monthly meeting. It was uneventful except for one thing: We met for the first time at our new meeting place, Lightfoot Bros. Post, V.F.W., 2417 Prospect Ave. Members may address their communications to this address, if they wish, as we plan to meet here indefinitely. Attendance was light — only sixteen members were present — what else can you expect during dog days? The boys at this meeting were listless and dull; however, if you really want to see them stir from their summer lethargy, attend the September meeting. It'll be election time then, and lots of oratory and surprises for everybody will be the rule. One member, the grapevine system informs us, has already begun his electioneering campaign. Guess who?

— HERBERT RIEHL.

DENVER
"Rocky Mountain Chapter"
Commander: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver, Colo.
Secretary: Arthur G. Vetter
1205 Logan St., Denver, Colo.

The "Old" YD didn't forget! And as a result there were a bunch of happy kids — members of the "new" YD present at our last meeting. Several weeks ago, our commander paid a visit to two YD patients at Fitzsimons Hospital, EDGAR C. MURRAY and BOB MCLOUGHLIN.

While at the hospital, he called on the YD Medical Detachment, members of which were students there, and invited the gang to come down to Denver as guests of the local chapter for supper ("supper" — not "dinner", out here in the "sticks") the following Monday.

NORTON gave the use of his car and he and VETTER drove out to the hospital to round up the gang. MITCHELL was scheduled for duty, but managed to persuade his "top-soak" that he should be permitted to go along.

In the midst of a pouring rain we set out for Denver and when we arrived we found "Rocky", CHAPIN and CARL JOHNSON waiting to greet us. "Pat" PEDICINO tells us that he started out for the festivities but got lost in the shuffle.

Certainly did have a swell time; had a great old "bull session" and then after the feed "Rock" and NORTON took the fellows back to the hos-

pital. Did seem good to see such a swell bunch of kids wearing the insigina of the old YD.

Told them that we would give the affair a write-up in YANKEE DOINGS. They asked us if possible to see that each of them received the current copy of YANKEE DOINGS.

"Rocky" who is attending the V.F.W. convention in Philadelphia is planning on spending a day in Boston (doubtless JULES you have seen him by now). He has promised to put in a good word for the lads to you.

Those present were P.F.C. Thomas J. Joyce, Med. Det., 101st Eng., P.F.C. John J. O'Connor, 54th Med. Bat., Co. C, P.F.C. Paul A. Mitchell, 101st Med. Regt., Co. G, P.F.C. John E. Reardon, 101st Med. Regt., Co. A, Pvt. John F. Dennigan, 54th Med. Bn., Co. B, Pvt. Francis J. Kulakowski, Co. H, 101st Med. Regt.

Am sure that each of them will feel grateful if you can see your way clear to send them a copy.

Am sure that I speak for the rest of the gang when I say that I think that the magazine under your editorship is plenty much O.K. Long may it continue.

— VETTER.

NEW YORK

Commander: Elwin J. Cooney
105 - 31 - 91st Ozone Park, N. Y.
Secretary: Harold B. F. Lonergan
3961 - 10 Ave., New York City

The regular monthly meeting was held in the New England Room of the Prince George Hotel on Aug. 26th.

A heavy rain storm failed to dampen the spirit of the members who turned out in goodly numbers. ED WILSON drove down from Providence and his "War Department" was with him. The gang was happy to see our National Secretary H. GUY WATTS, PNC AUSTIN APPLEBY and Past S.-at-A. JIM SULLIVAN who were all present at our meeting.

Of course, when the Boston boys and our New York crowd get together you know what happens. The milk-man had already bedded down his horse for the day when it broke up. Cowboy Jim didn't have his buttermilk with him, but he did stay on the right side of the fence. I can't say that much for GUY and AUSTIN and our "Gang".

Commander COONEY phoned that he couldn't get in due to the heavy floods out his way, so 1st V.C. RALPH TURGEON took over. We had 27 members at the meeting not including the three Boston strong boys. Their is quite a delegation of N. Y. Chapter members going to the Phila. Chapter dinner tomorrow evening, Aug. 27th.

Acting Comdr. TURGEON announced that the Band we had with us in Boston will be with us again in Springfield next June. New York is going "All Out" next year, so Hartford and Lynn better be good or those guys with the Blue Coats and White Pants are sure to top them. Remember us?

Was indeed glad to hear TED SCHOONMAKER and Past Commander BEN PITMAN are well along the road to health once again. Good luck fellows and we will be waiting for you with open arms (and bottles), when you can get to your first meeting. The "Gang" all send their best. As "Daddy" EDWARDS once said the spirit of the YD will never die.

HAROLD B. F. LONERGAN,
Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA

Commander: W. A. Forsythe
17th at Tioga, Philadelphia, Pa.
Secretary: Louis Wintner
911 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Phila., Pa.

Thanks a million YD, only the YD could make our Banquet the success that it was. We sold about a hundred tickets and ninety (90) showed up for the dinner. The food was excellent as was the show, especially the dancing act that Wm. R. Kenealley of Boston put on, he had the crowd in stitches.

Our thanks to Comm. ELIOT A. CARTER for paying tribute to our chapter with his presence and timely speech on co-operation with the Government. We were also honored by the presence of U. S. Comm. Griffin who gave a timely talk on "Chiseling the Government." The new V.F.W Comm. Mr. Max Singer, Sr. came over during the dinner and paid his respects to the YD and gave a very pleasing talk on his pleasant relations in the past with the YD and hoped they would be even closer in the future. I was told that the YD co-operated no end with Mr. Singer and are very pleased with his elevation to Comm.-in-Chief of the V.F.W.

Our everlasting thanks to those genial three musketeers WATTS, APPLEBY and SULLIVAN for their special trip to Philly for the dinner. We were also honored by the presence of V.F.W.

Dept. Commanders Wm. E. Fish, Jr., Me.; Don P. Hillman, N. H.; Joe Peterson, Mass.; John W. Rankin, Pa.

Past Comm. NAT GOLDEN, D. C.; "Rocky" ROCKWELL, Colo.; Nat. Sgt.-at-Arms Wm. J. MCNULTY, all YD men were also present.

Jane E. Myers, Dept. President of Conn., and Helen Brophy, Dept. Chaplain, Conn., attended the dinner and liked the place and show so well that Helen put on her Conv. dinner in the same place the following night.

There were a dozen happy women who won a pair of silk stockings as door prizes donated by our good Comm. BILL FORSYTH.

To all YD, when ever you need a lift call on the N. Y. Chapter and you are sure to go over the top. About twenty of them attended our banquet in a body and wore their YD uniforms, thanks Comm. COONEY and Pal LONERGAN. Our local Comm. BILL FORSYTH did a very nice job as Toastmaster, handled it like a veteran even though it was the first time he ever faced a gathering and spoke into a "mike". Our ERNIE BATES, Chairman of the Committee and Publicity man, comes in for a few bouquets for lining up such a fine dinner and show. He was one busy man in this town as he was also Chairman of the Cootie banquet, but did not forget for a minute that he was a YD man and gave his all to us. HARVEY ELLIS, our good Past Comm., had all the tickets, menus and signs printed free of charge and put in twelve hours a day for four days, with me on registration and enjoyed doing it very much. I think the signs were so nice that I am sending them on to Chicago Chapter to use for their YD dinner in conjunction with the A. L. Convention.

Another handy man we had with us for twelve hours a day was CLAUDE GANNETT, who directed and showed YD men about. This dinner helped a lot towards our membership, as we signed up three new members and lined up about five prospects.

Well to get away from blowing my own horn about the dinner, about 2 A. M. a few of us decided to visit APPLEBY's room and found GUY WATTS not so well. Doctors SULLIVAN, APPLEBY, ELLIS, GANNETT and WINTNER held a hasty consultation and decided it was his appendix and thought the best treatment was ice and it wasn't very long before his bed was full of it and that was the last chance he had for any sleep. The treatment was successful as the patient looked hale and hearty when I next saw him five hours later.

It gave me a great deal of pleasure in meeting three of the boys from my own Co. B, 101st Inf., L. S. GILMAN of Boston's "finest", Supply Sgt. JOHN HARTNETT and JOSEPH KING. We had about 135 registrations.

In closing let me say once again, thanks YD for putting this banquet over 100% and to my own chapter for presenting me with the YD medal for my efforts. Honors performed by our good Treasurer AL MEYEROWITZ.

ELLIS and I will try and make your Past Commanders' Dinner in October.

— LOUIS WINTNER, Sec.

ECHOES FROM "E" CO.

Thirty-one "E" men were at the reunion this year and everyone had a good time, including Cunningham. Fred also turned over dough from the following, totalling $12 which helps the kitty a lot: Ray Briden, Harry Sproul, Jim Metcalf, James Mason Logee, Bill Crosby, Bill Cleaves and himself. Jim Gadsby invited the gang to visit him at his farm and have a reunion. Have not all the details but Jim will probably be letting me know. As far as we can tell from the list, the following haven't been able to be with the gang very often but we hope they liked it so well that they'll try to make it an annual "must": Logee, Bill Hutcheson, Frank MacKenna, Bobby Porter, Frank Vigon. Sorry we had to miss the party but will try to be on hand next year.

Frank McNally had his usual Florida vacation this winter, we understand. Bob Day was in town the week of the reunion at a convention but couldn't stay over, much to his regret. We had the pleasure of a chat with him and his nice

wife. We noticed in some news notes about Camp Edwards that the guard of honor to General Woodruff, former First Corps Commander, consisted of Co. "E" 101st Engineers, so they must be good. Bobby Paul's daughter got married in May. That begins to make us feel old again! Carl Samsel sees Jerry Kinsman quite frequently. They're both busy on defense work. Fred Campbell's son finished his Freshman year at Dartmouth in June. (By the way Fred, did he ever hear from the First National crowd?). Dartmouth, as most of you probably know is Fred's alma mater. Exchanged telegrams, as usual with Bill Moody on June 16th — the anniversary of his losing his shoulder, more or less.

Charlie Bateman was elected a member of the Executive Council of the Mass. Bankers Ass'n. at their convention in June. Frank McNally merged another outfit with his own and now is established at 595 Albany St., Boston, where he continues to sell the best in batteries, etc. Chet Thomas has been out with Doddy Bent since the last of January. Chet's wife very kindly volunteered to put the flowers on Captain Eddie's grave on Memorial Day, thus carrying out Chet's annual duty. Charlie Jackson's flowers were used, of course. One of our alert reporters informs us that he saw Harry Cohen on the street some weeks ago, so he's apparently still extant. He has a boy in the navy.

Bill Buxton's son, David, is in the 180th Field Artillery down at Camp Edwards. Ralph Eastman's oldest son was 21 in March so he registered for the draft on July 1st. Charlie Allen sent us a clipping to the effect that a fire in Lee, N. H., left the family of George Carmichael homeless. That's too darned bad and George — if it was our George, the motorcycle demon — has our sympathy. We now run across a note stating that the business merged with Frank McNally's was the Northeast Battery Co., just to complete the record. Thanks to you, Hi Landon, for the kind words sent. We understand that wedding bells rang for Hi a few months ago.

Charlie Hurter reports, among other things, that he has an extra copy of the history of the 101st Engineers if anyone is looking for one. He also heard part of a broadcast over the radio which mentioned John Condit of Los Angeles. That was in March, but he didn't hear enough to get the story. What was it Jack?

Here's a clipping from a Hollywood column, saying that Mark Hellinger's first production at 20th Century-Fox will be the "Bowery Nightingale" by Oliver H. P. Garrett. That was in March. Watch for it boys, because that's our own "Doc" Garrett. John Rooney had the misfortune to lose his father in April. Bill Moody is busy out in Cincinnati on defense work and he says that they are really accomplishing a lot, in spite of some of the things we read in the papers. Hughie Roberts sent in a nice letter with his subscription. If any of you get down to Camp Edwards be sure to look him up. We're going to try to get over there before vacation is up.

Now we run across a story from the Boston *Traveler*, about the 101st Engineers, headed "101st Engineers, Versatile Outfit" with a subheading "Regiment must know how to fight and to prepare Combat positions." It starts off: "The Engineers, they have no fears, they're never stopped by trifles; they give three cheers for their great big ears and shoot it out with rifles." And they state "That's a somewhat censored version of the song of the 101st Engineers." "Somewhat," we'll say it is!! They have a lot of equipment we never knew, including "assault boats," two-ton bull-dozers for moving earth, one-ton cargo trailers, a whole assortment of trucks from huge cargo trucks to small utility wagons, power earth-augurs for digging holes, map reproduction sets, water purifiers and a flock of other gadgets. Incidentally, they also have machine guns too.

Here's another letter, this time from John Fortunati. He works nights at the Post Office. We also had a nice letter from Lynn Hosea's widow. She appreciated very much the loyalty of the men who turned out for Lynn's funeral and thanked us for the flowers sent.

Now for another list of those who have chipped in to make flowers for funerals and Memorial Day possible — Hi Landon, Charlie Watson, Hugh Roberts, George Tarbell, Charlie Hurter, John Langley, John Fortunati, Bob Day, Mrs. Lynn Hosea, Bill Hutcheson, Carl Samsel.

LAST MAN'S CLUB

Those of you who were unable to attend the reunion of the Last Man's Club at Bellows Falls, Vt., surely missed a good time. We had a good turnout and the outstanding event of the day was the championship ball game between the Vermont Plow Jockeys and the R. I. Clam Diggers. Winners — Rhode Island, score, 2 to 1. Players for Vermont: State Commander Bill Cudworth, D. B. Wright, W. C. Carney, Bill Dean, Ray Durling, John Lindstrom, Philip

CHAMPAGNE, JOHN STRONG. For Rhode Island: HAROLD RENEHAN, AL SHABBOTT, MIKE MILLER, HERB GRYLLS, CHUCK WALLACE, EARL FARNUM, BILL O'DONNELL, DINKY DANN. Umpire, HECK MORIARTY.

In the Horse Shoe Department, the Plow Jockeys fared a little better. They won two games to the Clam Diggers one. The champions for Vermont were: D. B. WRIGHT and the Police Department's CARL "Sticky" PRESCOTT (no wonder we couldn't win). For Rhode Island: Sgt. JOE VIGIARD and HERBY GRYLLS.

It would do your heart good to meet this gang. Look at these names: "Jay" CRAY, "Butsy" AUMAND, "Mike" MOYNIHAN, "Joe" SHARKEY, Mr. and Mrs. HERBERT LEACH, Mr. and Mrs. PARKER, Mr. and Mrs. CARL PRESCOTT, Mr. and Mrs. BILL DEAN, Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES HOPE, Mr. and Mrs. PHILIP CHAMPAGNE, Mr. and Mrs. RAY DURLING, Mr. and Mrs. CUDWORTH, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. WRIGHT, BILL CARNEY, Mr. and Mrs. JOHN LINDSTROM, JOHN STRONG.

Orchestra — JIM BRADSHAW.

Guests — Mr. and Mrs. Harry MacArdle, Commander, Post No. 37, A. L., Bellows Falls.

I wish to thank the Vermont gang for their efforts to give us a good time. We enjoyed every bit of it. Thank you.

Some of the gang has promised to come down Armistice Eve and now we shall turn our thoughts to that day, which is our next and most important event of the year. You will all hear more on this subject soon. Cheerio !

— J. L. (Pete) B.

• TAPS •

THOMAS J. MEHARG, formerly of A Co., 103rd Infantry and a member of the Minute Men Chapter of Concord, Mass., died on Wednesday, September 3, 1941. Funeral from his late home Bedford, Mass., on Sunday, Sept. 7.

EDWARD E. LAVOIE, 102nd Machine Gun Co., died suddenly from a heart ailment in Hartford, Conn., Monday, August 4th, 1941. A solemn requiem Mass at St. Augustine's Church at 9 a.m. Thursday, August 7th with burial at the Soldier's Field, Northwood Cemetery.

CHARLIE FISHER, who served with the 101st Machine Gun Battalion in France died on August 18th, in the U. S. Veterans' Hospital in Newington. He was the son of Charles J. and the late Bridget McGinley Fisher. While FISHER was not active in veterans' organizations, New Haven Chapter, YDVA, attended the services in a body.

HARRY A. LEGGE, Bat. F, 103rd F.A., died in San Francisco recently from a cerebral hemorrhage. Burial will be in New Haven, Conn.

THOMAS MCDONALD, 101st Ambulance Co., (?), was killed in an automobile accident in Woburn, Mass., on Sept. 1st. No future details.

Lt. HENRY D. ROBINSON, 45, 104th Inf., died at Manchester, N. H., on Aug. 18. Employed for the last ten years by the Manchester National Bank and he leaves his wife, Marion and a son, Henry. Services were at St. Joseph's Cathedral.

ALFRED J. BERGERON, B Co., 101st M.P., died June 29th. (Town not given.) He passed away one day after returning from the Rutland Veterans' Hospital and leaves a wife and two daughters.

RAYMOND E. BAUMBACH, Co. I, 101st Inf., died on June 1st. No details given.

Col. GEORGE ROBERTS died at Springfield on Aug. 1, aged 58. He was Soldiers' Relief Commissioner for Springfield since the position was established in 1919. Burial was at Palmer, Mass.

DAVID P. FIELDS, Batt. A, 101st F.A., died at Somerville, Mass., on Aug. 8th. No details given.

WILLIAM L. BURTON, Co. D, 102nd Inf., died June 22nd at Harrisburg, Pa.

CLARENCE H. KNIFFIN, 26th Div., Postal Service, died at Bridgeport, Conn., on June 17th.

WIZARDS WORK FOR DEFENSE

By HENRY GILLEN
Boston Post Staff Correspondent

These captains of industry who are turning their plants from automobiles to airplanes and other adjuncts of the machine-age war, wear no uniform, have no martial bearing and stand on no drill hall ceremony.

The are only a decade or two removed from a bench in a machine-shop themselves and they do not forget it.

They can still walk into a shop and up to a machine today, and run it as well as the workmen. They can take blue prints and read them as quickly as a road map. They understand guages, can work a slide rule, use calipers and any kind of tools. And because of that America is fortunate.

For the business of building the engines of defence is not only big business but new business. As they will reiterate over and over, they are not going to be contented with making the machines ordered by the army or navy. They are putting their minds into improving them, giving them more flying power or fighting power than the Axis partners possess.

And they can do it, too. They are the pioneering luminaries of the automobile world.

You like these men. They are modest. They are friendly, fast-talkers, ready to laugh, and, above all, they look you squarely in the eye.

They are big men, not all of them physically big, but all of them mentally big.

Only a big man could conceive and build a plant like Henry Ford is constructing for bombers at Willow Run Creek. Only a big man would dare to put mammoth and intricate aeroplane motors on an assembly-line basis. Only a big man could take on the task of turning out ball-bearings so small that 3000 will fit in a thimble and, at the same time, Diesel engines for the navy as big as your one-car garage.

They are ingenious men. When it became apparent that certain materials which went into cars would have to be eliminated, they used other materials and the cars they are turning out, are even better than they were with the customary metals.

Take their problem of man-power. They will talk of one plant going to employ 15,000 men, another 30,000 men and another 40,000 men. When you ask where will they get them, they answer, "Oh, they'll come here or we will retain what we have." Gathering of workmen by the multiple thousands do not frighten them. They have done it before.

One group tells of increasing the horsepower of a fight plane engine from 1000 to 1300 horsepower in a year. And then they add they intend to do better in a tone that implies they are dissatisfied with their amazing accomplishment to date.

The other night in the Hotel Statler, at a General Motors dinner, Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., chairman of the board, called upon a dozen of them to stand.

They didn't like the limelight, but they took it as name after name was called. Here then were the men who are making the engines of defense and war. Abashed and ill at ease under the scrutiny of the crowd, you got a definite impression of men who were practical, alert, clear-eyed, sound, men of good judgment—not intellectuals nor theorists concerned with a flower-decked world to come.

These were the men entrusted with the titanic enterprise of making America strong enough to meet all comers in a knockdown, drag-out fight to save the Democracy—and you could not help being glad that such a task was in the hands of such down-to-earth, two-fisted men who have undertaken a large part of the endeavor which would stagger many men—but not them.

And finally they looked like Americans in the best sense. They might have a lot of respect for Hitler as a tough adversary. But by the jut of the chin and the solid stance you could read they were not afraid. You carried away the impression that in the battle of machine production you could lay a sure bet on the executives, engineers and machinists of Detroit and way stations.

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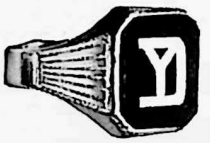

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Fitchburg	2nd Tuesday
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Lowell	4th Tuesday
Lynn	Every Tuesday
Marlboro	2nd Wednesday
Milford	3rd Wednesday
New Bedford	2nd Tuesday
Reading	2nd and 4th Thursday
Salem	Every Friday
Springfield	1st and 3rd Friday
Worcester	1st and 3rd Thursday
NEW HAMPSHIRE	
Manchester	2nd Wednesday
CONNECTICUT	
State Department	2nd Sunday
Bridgeport	2nd and 4th Monday
Bristol	2nd Friday
Hartford	1st Monday
Manchester	2nd Tuesday
Meriden	2nd Monday
Middletown	Kolinsky Dugout
New Britain	1st and 3rd Tuesday
New Haven	2nd and 4th Thursday
New London	2nd and 4th Friday
Norwalk	3rd Friday
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